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The contestants of the 2018 Attorney General's Cup speech competition pose for a photo.
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Hartig is awarded AG's Cup

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Shea Kennedy Hartig from Saipan International School was awarded the Attorney General Cup last Friday.

Hartig, who placed second in the 2017 AG's Cup speech competition, came back stronger this year and it paid off, becoming the 2018 AG's Cup speech competition champion.

Hartig, a sophomore at SIS, had her father, lawyer Douglas Hartig, as her coach. According to her, it made preparing for the event easier.

"[Preparing involved] a lot of stressful nights sitting with my dad, a lot of ideas getting shot down, staring at the ceiling for hours on end until something hits you," she said.

Hartig did admit being caught off-guard when it was announced that she won. "Honestly, it was very unexpected and I am very flattered that I was seen as deserving. …Nobody really expects to win. You just put in the hard work and you hope that it pays off," she said

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Yap issues mumps alert

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Yap's Department of Health Services has released a mumps alert travel advisory two months before they are due to host the 9th Micronesian Games in the Federated States of Micronesia in July.

Athletes from Yap are also due to arrive in the CNMI in June as part of the FSM delegation for Saipan's hosting of the 2018 Oceania Micronesia Athletics Regional Championships. The competition will be from June 14 to 16.

Saipan Tribune tried to get information from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. if they have any contingency plans in place before the Micronesia Athletics Regional next month and the Micro Games on July 15 to 27. CHCC has yet to respond.

There has already been

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Ex-Labor chief's bid to have case dropped is denied

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Former Labor Secretary Edith Eleanor Deleon Guerrero's motion to dismiss the case against her alleged misuse of government vehicles was denied yesterday.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho said the information is sufficient to put Deleon Guerrero on notice to the charges against her.

In addition, Camacho said, the issue of whether vehicles in the case are government vehicles is an issue for the ultimate finder of fact to determine at trial.

Further, the judge said, Deleon Guerrero's right to a speedy trial has not been violated.

Camacho also ruled that there is no statute of limitations for traffic offenses.

Deleon Guerrero is charged

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CNMI, United partnership in the works

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A possible partnership between the CNMI government and United Airlines is in the works, after the airline responded to a lawmaker's concerns about its recent announcement to withdraw Cape Air services to Rota and Saipan.

In a letter dated May 1, 2018, addressed to United Airlines chief executive officer Oscar Munoz and airlines president Scott Kirby, Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) expressed concerns relating to the discontinuation of Cape Air services to Rota and reducing Saipan flights to Guam to once-daily starting May 31, 2018.

Cape Air would continue servicing the Rota-Guam, Rota-Saipan, and Saipan-Guam routes for 23 more days until United itself takes over the

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Hyatt spreads out $65,000 among six groups

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It was a thank you-filled Thursday morning after the six recipients of the proceeds from Hyatt Regency Saipan's annual fundraising golf tournament got their checks in a presentation at the Giovanni's Restaurant.

Make-A-Wish Foundation Guam & CNMI received $15,000 from proceeds from the 22nd Annual Charity Golf Classic, while the five others—Center for Living Independently in the CNMI, Dandan Middle School STEM and Garden Club, Saipan Paddling Club, Salvation Army, and 670 Sonics—were given $10,000 each.

Make-A-Wish board member Kanae Quinn, who was joined by fellow board member and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan general manager Wendi Herring, said the annual golf tournament has been an important part of Hyatt's community program.

"[Make-A-Wish and Hyatt] have been partners for a long time and we've been a major recipient of donations from them. The money would help grant the life-changing wishes of kids with illnesses. We're looking forward to more years of partnership," said Quinn.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation Guam and the CNMI had already helped more than 200 children in the Marianas, while dozens more are expected to have their wishes granted within the year.

Center for Living Independently executive director Susan Satur said the money would help their programs of teaching persons with disabilities to learn how to live independently.

"People with disabilities are some of the most under-represented. We have programs that help the disabled learn how to cook and tend a vegetable garden. The money would help us in assisting disabled people become independent," said Satur.

DMS representatives thanked Hyatt for the opportunity of being chosen as one of the recipients this year. They would use the money to buy materials and train students to achieve their goals of developing STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) learning, promoting health and wellbeing, and having a healthy relationship with food production.

SPC president Justin Andrew, who is also the head of the Northern Marianas National Paddling Sports Federation, said they would use the money to bring in international paddling coaches for their development program.

"Outrigger canoe is part of our island culture where we are a family connected to the ocean. We want to bring the sport to the grassroots level and, at the same time, promote taking care of our environment," said Andrew.

Pastor Wayne Gillespie received the donation in behalf of the Salvation Army. He said the money would serve a lot of people that they assist with their food bank and soup kitchen.

"We assist by delivering food everyday to homeless people. We give out meals to villages and areas with the greatest need. We give out nearly 200 meals a week in the Koblerville area and around 2,500 to 3,500 a month, depending on the need," said Gillespie.

Jesse Tudela, one of the founders of the 670 Sonics and a current board member, said Hyatt's donation would be a big help in their goal of developing basketball at the local level.

"We are hoping to bring basketball [in the villages] back to life and to give more opportunities to our youth. In the past, we always held fundraisings or rely on donations from our officers. We are truly grateful for this donation," said Tudela, who also coaches one of their teams.

Next year's tournament, the 23rd edition, is set on April 27, with Hyatt officials begin planning and organizing the event as early as November.

JON PEREZ

Representatives of the Make-A-Wish Foundation Guam and CNMI, Salvation Army, the CNMI Center for Living Independently, and Dandan Middle School STEM and Garden Club receive the ceremonial check from Hyatt Regency Saipan officials led by hotel general manager Nick Nishikawa.

ONE COMMUNITY. ONE JOURNEY

MMAC set this weekend, May 11-12

The Marianas March Against Cancer is set for May 11-12 at Hopwood Middle School, with 20 teams and over 20 sponsors this year committed to the fight against cancer in the CNMI. The event starts at 5:30pm.

For almost 20 years, MMAC has helped the CNMI community raise funds to support the Commonwealth Cancer Association's mission to help families, friends, and loved ones who are battling cancer.

"What started out as a small grassroots effort by a few individuals grew into an event supported by our island community. Last year, MMAC drew 2,000 people and raised over $200,000 in cash and in-kind donations, and we're expected to exceed last year's amount. These funds go a long way to helping our loved ones fight cancer. The CCA is truly grateful for the families, friends, and our survivors who come out to support each other and provide inspiration on this journey together," said Juan L. Babauta, CCA executive director.

"MMAC is more than just a fundraiser. It truly is a special event that brings the entire community together—from our teams who work hard to our sponsors dedicating their resources and time. With the theme of 'One Community. One Journey,' every single dollar raised stays on island and goes directly to supporting a loved one in the CNMI battling cancer," said Bobby Cruz, co-chair of the 2018 MMAC Committee.

"MMAC sees people coming together regardless of differences, and that's the beautiful thing about it. Our steering committee and teams have worked very hard. We encourage our community to support the teams because this truly is for a cause greater than ourselves," said 2018 MMAC Committee co-chair Carline Sablan.

For the 2018 MMAC Steering Committee, this event is more than just volunteering for a great cause. "What makes the CNMI truly unique is that we're all interconnected, and MMAC reminds us that we're never alone in our collective fight against cancer. That night brings our community together to reflect on how serious this disease is and to be inspired by stories of perseverance. We encourage everyone in our community to join the fight." ***(PR)***

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Hyatt GM: We want to stay

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Hyatt Regency Saipan's land lease is more than three years away from expiring but this early general manager Nick Nishikawa has assured it is the company's intention to stay and continue doing business on Saipan. Hyatt's lease is set to expire on December 2021.

Nishikawa said Hyatt has been on the island for 37 years, becoming a witness to Saipan's economic boom and downturn. "We're one of the businesses that stayed through the good times and the bad."

"I came here in 2008 and the business back then was bad. We survived and did not fire any staff but continued to hire. We want to be here after the end of December 2021. We want to continue to fly Hyatt's flag here," Nishikawa added.

He told *Saipan Tribune* that they are hoping to get a favorable response and decision from the Department of Public Lands once the process of renewing Hyatt's lease comes up in three years.

"It is still three years away and we haven't done anything yet. There is no directive yet from the authorities. We're just making our appeal and telling the public that we want to stay on," said Nishikawa.

He added that if their lease is renewed, Hyatt's parent company—Hyatt Hotels Corp.—could begin plans to renovate and improve the current structure. "The building is getting old. It's now 37 years old. We need to maintain this building."

JON PEREZ
Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa addresses the crowd in last week's check donation to six groups that are the recipients of proceeds from last month's 22nd Annual Hyatt Charity Golf Classic at the Giovanni's Restaurant.

"As one of the international hotel chains, Hyatt is located all over the world. We need to renovate for our guests. We just want to give the guests the real standard Hyatt hotel experience."

He added that they are looking at an extension of Hyatt's land lease so they could push forward with their projects of improving their facilities to accommodate the growing number of tourists.

Museum receives congressional tribute

The office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) has offered a tribute to the lone museum in the CNMI.

During the CNMI Museum's 20th anniversary last Friday, Sablan and his staff presented museum staff with a congressional record that recognized the tremendous progress it has achieved in less than a year.

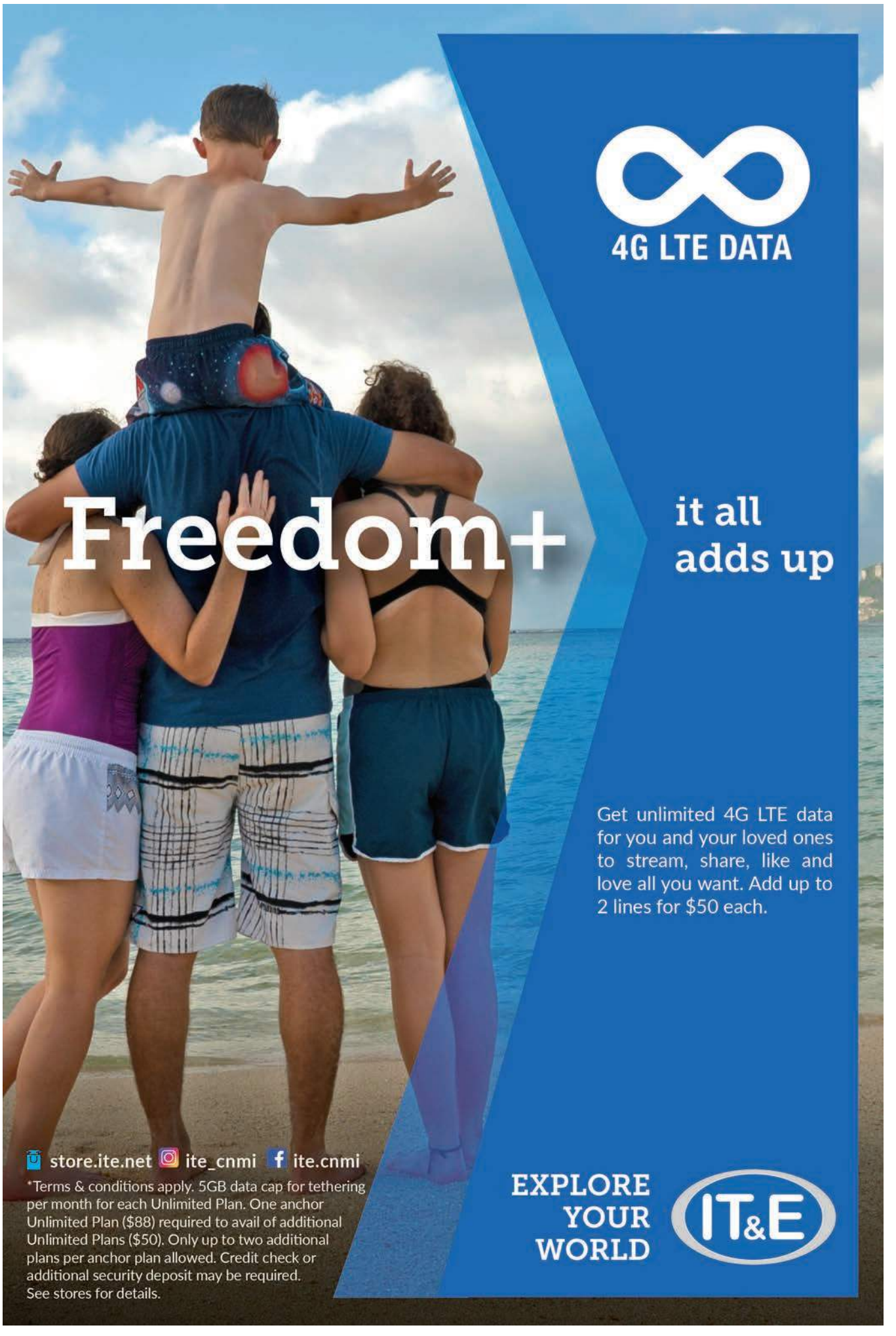
Sablan said he feels it necessary to pay tribute to the amount of work that was put into the museum's restoration.

"The special part about this is that there is a desk in there that I was told belonged to my grandfather…it's touching because there was someone I didn't get to know that is being honored by the desk he used," he said.

"In just two months, you could see the energy that everyone was putting into the restoration of the museum so we could make it a place of pride for the Northern Marianas…almost four months after my first visit, it was just wow, how did you get this done," he added.

Sablan was just amazed by the progress made in the museum's rehabilitation because, in the seven years before CNMI Museum executive director Daniel Aquino came on board, the museum was not touched. "Now, here it is in six months…I was so impressed," he said.

Sablan also presented tributes to each government and private agency that offered assistance in the restoration of the museum. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***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DPS: Drowning victim was about to go diving

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The 62-year-old woman who drowned at the Grotto in Marpi last Sunday afternoon was about to scuba dive when she and an instructor slipped on a rock and fell into the water, according to the Department of Public Safety yesterday.

DPS spokesperson Jacqueline Rae Shepard said that, according to witnesses, eight divers, including the victim, went to the Grotto to scuba dive.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services acting spokesperson Linus Mizutani earlier identified the victim as 61-year-old Xhaoxia Yang, a Chinese national. Initial information given to DFEMS also indicated that Yang had no intent to dive as she had no diving gear.

But Shepard said yesterday that witnesses stated that the victim and seven others had their scuba gear on as their instructor helped them cross to the big rock.

When it was the victim's turn to cross, she and the instructor slipped, causing them to fall into the water toward the right side of the rock.

A bystander was able to pull the instructor to safety. When the bystander reached for the victim, a wave came and swept her toward the rocks.

A witness saw the victim's head was still above water, but a second wave pulled her under.

The dive instructor attempted to rescue her, but later decided to call 911 after the waters became too rough.

Shepard said DPS dispatch received a call about the incident at 2:09pm and that it was at 2:44pm when DFEMS medics recovered the victim, who was wedged underneath a rock.

Shepard said that when police officers arrived at Grotto, DFEMS medics were already at the scene treating a man, who was lying on the grass in the northbound shoulder.

The report did not indicate whether this man was the instructor.

At the time, Shepard said, the victim had not yet been recovered.

When the victim's body was recovered, medics transported her to the Commonwealth Health Center's emergency room, where a doctor pronounced her dead at 3:22pm.

CHCC suspends several establishments

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Two restaurants and a supermarket on Saipan were cited and given notices of suspension by the Bureau of Environmental Health, under the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., after finding several violations.

Suspended were JHEMS and Shinsen restaurants in Garapan and XO Market on Middle Road, Gualo Rai.

BEH gives out notice of suspensions to commercial establishments that have been found violating local and federal health codes.

A complaint was filed with BEH that prompted its health inspectors to check on JHEMS Restaurant and found it unable to maintain sanitary practices.

Among the violations noted were rat droppings and indication of roach infestation; built-up grease on its exhaust fans, countertops, cookware and cooking station; reusing plastic forks and spoons, and failure to clean the dishes on time.

JHEMS was also cited after their employees were found not having valid food handler's certificates and it didn't have running hot water during their hours of operation.

JHEMS' management voluntarily suspended its operations to clean up and avoid further citations.

BEH inspectors then visited Shinshen after a rat was reportedly seen running in the dining area. Rodent droppings were seen in the establishment aside from its exhaust hood having grease buildup and other poor health practices. BEH slapped a $200 penalty on Shinsen and suspended its operations.

BEH then checked on XO Market after a consumer complained that they bought "freezer burnt" meat. Inspectors found out that XO's butcher shop has faulty temperature control while boxes of thawed meat were also discovered.

BEH immediately ordered the suspension of XO's butcher shop's operations while also slapping them a $1,600 fine for numerous sanitary violations. Store management paid the fine right away.

BEH also required XO to improve their food handling techniques and make sure to fix the temperature control in their meat storage and processing areas are within the required temperature in preserving the freshness of their products.

BEH is encouraging consumers to report any concerns or experience they had when shopping for food or eating at a restaurant at 664-4870/72/73 or email director John Tagabuel at john.tagabuel@dph.gov.mp.

Walk for Mom entices hundreds

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The annual Walk for Mom event gained the participation of hundreds of moms and daughters.

Last Saturday men and women of all ages gathered at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion to partake in the 5-kilometer Walk for Mom.

The Walk for Mom is an event celebrated in accordance to Women's Health Month. The event was organized by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau in conjunction with Stellar Marianas to encourage moms as well as the community to stay active.

The event offered free blood pressure and blood sugar check, anemia screening, activities for moms and their children, and of course the 5K walk for a mere $10 registration fee. Gift certificates were also awarded to the first male and female to complete the walk in the 55-and-up category, 18-54 category, under 17, and under 12.

In the 55-and-up category, Chang Whang Jang was the first male to finish, completing the walk in 20 minutes and 15 second. Jang was later joined by his counterpart, Winnie Lee, who finished in 44 minutes and 17 seconds.

In the 18-54 category, Kosuke Sato was first male to complete the walk in this category. He completed the walk in 17 minutes and 49 seconds. Sakisat Eda, who completed the walk in 20 minutes and 21 seconds, later joined Sato.

For the under 17 category, Xinshi Hang completed the walk in 19 minutes and 18 seconds and was later joined by his female counterpart, Tania Tan, who completed the race in 18 minutes and 45 seconds.

In the under 12 category, Yulia Suda completed the walk in 31 minutes and was soon joined by male counterpart William Epely who completed the walk in 34 minutes.

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with three infractions—no tinting on a government vehicle, requiring that government vehicles be marked on their front doors, and requiring government vehicles to bear government license plates.

Deleon Guerrero, through assistant public defender Heather Zona, moved to have the charges dismissed. In the alternative, she wants the charge relating to her use of a government vehicle that did not bear government license plates to be dismissed as time-barred.

Zona argued that the information violates Deleon Guerrero's due process rights.

Zona also asserted that the government lacks enough evidence and that Deleon Guerrero right to a speedy trial has been violated.

The government, through Jonathan Robert Glass Jr., opposed the motion.

In denying the motion, Camacho said the information, together with discovery, provides sufficient notice to Deleon Guerrero of the charges against her.

Camacho said the ultimate finder of fact will determine whether the vehicles in question are "government vehicles."

The judge said there is no statute of limitations in this case since this is a traffic offense.

Further, Camacho said, if a statute of limitations applied to Deleon Guerrero as a former public official, it would be the two-year statute of limitations applied to misconduct in public office cases.

Thus, Camacho said, under either theory, count 3 is not untimely.

The bench trial will be tomorrow, Wednesday, at 9am, at the U.S. District courthouse.

Glass stated in the information that on Dec. 8, 2013 to Oct. 11, 2016, Deleon Guerrero used a government motor vehicle that had tinting on its windows, that was not clearly marked as a government vehicle, and did not bear government license plates.

YAP

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one confirmed mumps case in Yap that included the outer islands of Falalop and Woleai, with several more individuals suspected of carrying the mumps virus.

It was also learned that Chuuk State, also in FSM, along with Hawaii and the Pacific island nations of New Zealand and Vanuatu, also have similar cases of mumps.

Mumps—whose initial signs include fever, muscle pain, and headache, poor appetite, and feeling exhausted—is one of the common infectious diseases in the Pacific and it is spread through coughing and sneezing.

Antonio Yarobwemal, the CNMI's chef de mission to the Micronesian Games, has advised national federations that will be sending athletes to Yap to get themselves immunized before they leave.

"Please have your team members that are going to the Micro Games to check the Public Health Immunization to ensure everyone is up-to-date with their shots," said Yarobwemal.

Yap's DPH also advised those who are going to attend the Micro Games and would be visiting the islands to make sure they receive immunization to protect them from the mumps virus.

"You should be up-to-date on your routine and recommended vaccinations, including for measles, mumps, and rubella, together with diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, and polio," said a statement released by Yap DPH.

"You may also want to get vaccines for Hepatitis A and B, typhoid fever, and seasonal influenza. Consult your general practitioner for more advice about vaccinations. Remember that some vaccines require some time to take effect and more than one dose may be needed."

HARTIG

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Hartig also received the 2018 Mock Trial Best Lawyer award, and was also named the 2018 Lincoln-Douglas Debate winner. Hartig has been participating in mock trial from 6th to 9th grade.

Coming in at second was Mount Carmel School's Kelvin Diaz Cepeda, and completing the Top 3 was Kelvin Wolf of Marianas High School.

Hartig and her co-competitors presented a speech concerning the Insular Cases Doctrine, in which Congress can choose which portions of the U.S. Constitution applies to "unincorporated territories," including the CNMI.

"The issue this year was definitely more difficult and it involved a lot more research because it had a specific case that we had to study," she said. "My position was that the (Insular Cases Doctrine) does apply to the territories and that it's a good thing because it gives the indigenous people of the CNMI the freedom to choose how they want to protect their culture and how they want to pursue their own legal system."

The other students who competed in the AG's Cup speech competition were Stephen Carino from Saipan Southern High School, Ella Eusebio from Kagman High School, John Robert Tam from Eucon International School, Min Ju Kang from Marianas Baptist Academy, and Louis Ao Feng Zheng from Grace Christian Academy.

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daily Saipan-Guam flights.

"The discontinuation of the Cape Air services to Rota will greatly impact the economic opportunity to grow as it will have devastating effect on tourism, medical referral transportation, employment, and potential development and investment ventures on Rota," Palacios said, adding that withdrawing Cape Air services would force Rota to rely on the limited flights and seats of other air transportation services.

In a response, United Airlines managing director Dan Weiss stated there was an understanding that the airline would need to enter a partnership with the CNMI government.

In a conference call on April 30, 2018, Weiss and the leadership from "United Guam's hub" said that United had presented a proposal to Gov. Ralph DLG, Torres, Commonwealth Ports Authority board member Kimberly King-Hinds, and other CPA representatives for the operations on Rota "and did so in a gesture of partnership with the community."

After "thoughtful and important" questions from Torres and King-Hinds, it was indicated that the next step was for the government to discuss the matter internally.

"Given the demand for air service to Rota is small for a large jet operation, United would need to enter into a financial partnership with the government and that was well understood on our call," Weiss told Palacios.

A previous internal communication from United announced to employees that they were discontinuing their services with Cape Air in their Saipan-Guam, Rota-Guam, and Rota-Saipan flights effective May 31, 2018.

United corporate communications later told *Saipan Tribune* that they were going to sever ties with Cape Air in Micronesia.

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NMI's first disability sportsfest eyed this July

The Office of the Governor and many of the agencies related to helping those with disabilities are collaborating to jumpstart the CNMI's first Disability Sports Festival for athletes from Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

The festival will be funded through a $70,000 sub-grant under the Office of the Governor to provide sporting opportunities to 15 participants from Tinian and Rota each, and 40 participants from Saipan.

Aside from the Office of the Governor, others involved in this project are the Office of Grants Management and State Clearinghouse, the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, the Council on Developmental Disabilities, Center for Living Independently, Voices of the CNMI, Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc., the Northern Marianas College University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Division of Public Health Services, Ayuda Network, Community Guidance Center, Rotary Club of Saipan, Office of Youth Affairs, the Division of Youth Services, and the Public School System.

"This is a large collaborative undertaking to celebrate and bring together and highlight developmental disabilities and the diversity that exists in our community," said OGM administrator Epiphanio E. Cabrera Jr. "I met with Nick Gross who serves as the athletic program director at the Public School System and informed him of the funding opportunity to bring this event to the community, especially as the Lady Diann Torres Foundation had approached our office with the project idea a year ago."

Recollecting her years as an educator, first lady Diann T. Torres said that students with disabilities are often forgotten after they leave the education system.

"I reached out to the agencies who've been there from the beginning and have championed the rights of our brothers and sisters with disabilities. We've come together to create awareness and to celebrate our diversity. This is just one of many initiatives, and, along with the vision of a One-Stop Disability Center, we can improve upon and align the initiatives of all disability partners and stakeholders," Torres said.

Gross himself is excited about the project. "Working closely with NMPASI, we produced a proposal for the event and have been very excited by the overwhelming support of collaborating agencies to make this a reality."

He said the event is tentatively pegged for this July 2018.

"Overall, this will serve as a goodwill participatory celebration focusing on adaptive sports. This event will serve as an awareness campaign to identify sustainable funding to ensure this event continues on an annual basis," he added.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres commended the disability network for coming together to bridge a gap and fulfill something that has not been done before in the Commonwealth.

"I've met many passionate individuals with and without disabilities and one thing remains certain is that we are much stronger when we support one another and foster our youth. I am always so amazed by what can be accomplished when we all work together and I thank my wife, Diann, for always looking out for those with special needs and the community. I am very grateful that we can push this forward and thank everyone for their collaboration," Torres said.

Cabrera said the sports festival would also identify sustainable funding sources that would allow this to become an annual event in March in observance of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

"In the end we know this meaningful project is intended to provide access to sporting opportunities and healthy recreational activities through community partnerships for individuals with disabilities. …We will provide more details as we get closer to the festivities and encourage community to join in on the celebration," Cabrera said.

Target dates for the sports festival is July 5-8, and will feature sitting volleyball, boccia/bocce, swimming, athletics, adaptive softball, and outrigger paddling.

For more information about joining, contact Jim Rayphand at NMPASI at 235-7273. ***(PR)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled its regular monthly meeting on Friday, May 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. **PRELIMINARIES:**
A. Call to Order
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III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

IV. **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**
A. Casino Licensee (IPI) Updates:
1. Construction Progress – Imperial Pacific Resort & Hotel (Imperial Palace)
2. IPI Personnel – Resident Employment Objectives & CLA Annual Plan
3. Responsible Gaming Program
4. Compliance Committee
5. Other Miscellaneous Matters

B. Other Matters:

V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
A. House Bill 20-82: Update
B. CCC Application for Self-Exclusion Form & Interpreter Information and Affirmation

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
A. **Appointment of Rota Commission Member from Senatorial District #1 (Rota)**
** Mayor Efraim M. Atalig's May 2, 2018 appointment of Diego M. Songao to the CCC*

B. **Approval of Regular Casino Key Employee License (2 Years):**
** Lam, Kei In ("Blake") – IPI Director of Table Games*

C. **Notification of Provisional Casino Key Employee License:**
** Lai, Ka Cheong ("Timothy") – IPI VP of Investigations: Issued: 04/25/18 Exp: 04/24/19*

D. **Notification of Provisional Casino Service Provider License - Extension:**
** Actimize Ltd. Software & Technology Platform: Issued 05/08/18 Exp: 08/08/18*

E. **Notification of Provisional Casino Vendor License:**
1. All Rosy Limited: Furniture Suppliers - Issued 05/07/18; Exp: 05/06/19.
2. Million Hope New-Tech Building Supplies (Hui Zhou), Ltd. Issued 4/18/18; Exp. 4/17/19.
3. Phoenix Services, Inc. Marina Management Services. Issued 5/1/18 Exp. 8/01/18
4. Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc. Stevedoring & Terminal Services, Etc. 5/1/18 -- 8/01/18
5. USA Fanter Corp., Ltd. General Construction Contractor. Issued 05/01/18 Exp. 08/01/18

F. **Non-Gaming Vendors Request for Application Withdrawal.**
Casino Regulations – Section 175-10-1-425 Withdrawal:
1. YWA Human Resource CNMI, Corporation
2. Herman B. Cabrera & Associates

VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
A. IPI Financial Matters
B. Report by the CCC Audit Division
C. Report by the Legal Councel

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more, if necessary.

/s/Juan M. Sablan
Chairman

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Petitioner Pro Se

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE GUARDIANSHIP OF JOEL DEVLIN DELEON GUERRERO, Minor child, by JOSE TAKAI DELEON GUERRERO and DEBRA MIRA DELEON GUERRERO, Petitioners.

FCD-GU 18-0184

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE PETITION for appointment of guardian for minor child shall be heard on the 21st day of May, 2018 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Guma Hustisia Courtroom 217.

SO ORDERED this 5/7/18
/s/
Clerk of Courts

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

CHANGE OF NAME OF ANTONIO INDALECIO DUENAS TO ANTHONY INDALECIO DUENAS,

Petitioner

FCD CN CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-0147

NOTICE OF HEARING

JUDGE: TERESA K. KIM-TENORIO

You are hereby notified that a verified petition was filed in the above-entitled court for an order changing the name of Antonio I. Duenas to Anthony I. Duenas, in the Guma' Hustisia, Commonwealth Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan.

A hearing of the above-entitled matter will be held at the Guma' Hustisia, Commonwealth Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan on May 14, 2018 at 9:00am or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any objections to the change of name of Antonio I. Duenas should be filed in writing with the Clerk of Court.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2018.

/s/ Clerk of Court
Superior Court

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COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that the Board Seaport Facilities Committee will be holding a Special meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. in the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Classroom located in the Airport Fire Station at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on the island of Saipan.

AGENDA

1. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

3. **ITEMS**
a. Saipan Globe
b. Ginen Saipan
c. Alter City Group Ferry
d. Pacific Subsea
e. Committee Report
f. Miscellaneous

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. A time limit will be imposed for oral testimony.

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NOTICE

MEETING OF THE LITTER CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910 and 2 CMC § 3416(d), the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), hereby gives notice to the public that the Litter Control Advisory Board will convene on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. The meeting shall take place at BECQ's Headquarters in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan, in the second floor conference room. The following shall serve as the Agenda for the meeting:

I. Preliminary Matters
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Adoption of Agenda

II. Litter Control Program Updates
A. Proposed amendments to the Litter Control Regulation
B. Status of revisions to the Litter Control Citation
C. Procedures for issuing litter citations and application of the Fee Matrix
D. Standard Operating Procedures for filing citations with the Court
E. Upcoming enforcement training

III. Other Matters
IV. Adjournment

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral comment regarding the above agenda items.

RAY S. MASGA
Director, DEQ

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
MVA-RFP-18-2012

For: Local Public Relations and Media Services

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Time: **3:00 p.m.**

Submit sealed proposals to:
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Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the Scope of Work on or after **April 16, 2018**, at the **Marianas Visitors Authority Office, San Jose Professional Building, Beach Road, San Jose, Saipan**, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Proposals submitted from individuals outside the Commonwealth must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or certified courier services by **May 15, 2018** and must be received within seven (7) working days of that date. Proposers from outside the Commonwealth must notify the MVA/ Mr. David B. Muna in writing of their intent to submit a proposal in order to receive the additional seven (7) days for the receipt of the actual Proposal Documents. Participants outside the **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** must submit a **Notice of Intent** by any mode of written communication including facsimile at+1-670-664-3237 or email to dmuna@mymarianas.com, and must be received by 5 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time on **May 15, 2018**.

All questions regarding this RFP must be sent to Mr. David B. Muna at dmuna@mymarianas.com or faxed to +1-670-664-3237, **no later than 5 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time on April 30, 2018.**

/s/ Gloria C. Cavanagh
Chairperson, Board of Directors

/s/ Christopher A. Concepcion
Managing Director

Humanities Council elects new officers

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council elected a new slate of officers, filled a board vacancy, and approved new community grants during its quarterly board meeting last week.

Newly elected officers include Polly DLG Masga as chairperson, Tracy M. Guerrero as vice chairperson, and Kevin H. Bautista as secretary/treasurer.

They replace outgoing two-term chair Frankie M. Eliptico, vice chair Dr. Brady Hammond, and secretary/treasurer Magdalena SN. Mesngon.

Masga

Guerrero

Bautista

Northern Marianas College academic librarian Samuel J. Crawford was elected to the board and will serve a three-year term. The council will seek additional applicants to fill other vacancies to bring the board up to its full complement of 13 members.

The board also approved three new community grants. They include a project to document the indigenous experience during World War II, the digitization of a substantial collection of oral history interviews with elderly residents videotaped by the late Herbert Del Rosario in the early 1990s, and a public lecture by visiting chief judge Gustavo Gelpi who will discuss the Insular Cases Doctrine.

The council is a private, non-profit organization that was founded in 1991. Its mission is to foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support for educational programs that relate the humanities to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth.

For more information about the council and its programs and community grant program, visit its website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org. ***(PR)***

House passes reserve fund measure

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

The House of Representatives unanimously passed in late April a measure seeking to set up a reserve fund for emergencies.

The House passed with a vote of 18-0 a substitute of House Speaker Rafael Demapan's (R-Saipan) House Bill 20-100, which proposes that the first $22 million deposited into the Casino Gross Revenue Tax at the beginning of each calendar year is earmarked to "cover or supplement" the payment of 25 percent of class members' full benefits and bonuses.

H.B. 20-100 sets up a sub-account within the Casino Gross Revenue Tax designated as the reserve fund. The bill authorizes the Finance secretary to set aside 5 percent of the CGRT in the sub-account for investment.

The bill does not allow the funds to be expended until fiscal year 2028 or until the CNMI governor declares an emergency and receives the blessing of at least three-fourth of the Legislature. Until that time or fiscal year 2028 comes, the Legislature then is only allowed to appropriate the funds for economic development and diversification; infrastructure improvements; and medical and health care facilities.

Once these earmarks are satisfied, the remaining balance of the CGRT is to be recorded and reserved for the appropriation of Fuel Adjustment Charge Rate Subsidy Account for residential utility customers; the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.; the Medical Referral Program; the payment of land compensation judgments; the Public School System; the Northern Marianas College; and the Northern Marianas Trades Institute.

Book launch at AMP on Thursday

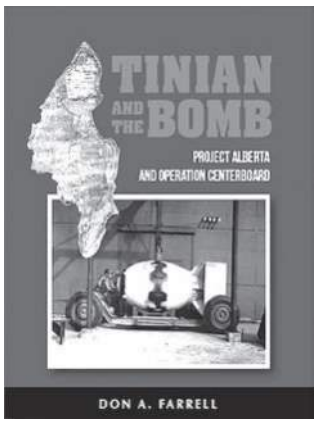
The Northern Marianas Humanities Council will be hosting Don Farrell's book launch on Thursday, May 10, from 6pm to 8pm, at the American Memorial Theater.

Farrell will be giving a brief presentation and then signing his book, *Tinian and the Bomb*, which chronicles the important role Tinian played in the atomic bombing of Japan at the end of World War II.

It will be available for sale at the AMP gift shop, which will be open late for this special occasion.

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is a non-profit corporation with the mission to foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through the support of educational programs.

For this and other information, contact the council at 235-4785.



Don Farrell will be launching his new book, *Tinian and the Bomb*, on Thursday, May 10, from 6pm to 8pm, at the American Memorial Theater.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) will hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the provisions of child care services under the State Plan for Child Care and Development Fund FFY2019-2021

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to provide their views relative to the proposed State Plan either orally or in writing at the hearing. The Public Hearing is scheduled at these dates, times and location.

June 4, 2018	Kagman Community Center, Saipan	6:00p.m.
June 5, 2018	Tinian Youth Center, Tinian	6:00p.m.
June 7, 2018	Multi-Purpose Hall, Susupe, Saipan	6:00p.m.
June 8, 2018	Sinapalo Youth Center, Rota	6:00p.m.

Sign language interpreter is available at all public hearings. If requested at least 5 working days before the scheduled public hearing, large print of the State Plan may be provided.

Copies of the proposed State Plan will be available by May 21, 2018 via the Child Care Licensing Program website (http://cnmicclp.org) or by calling (670) 664-2576/2589/2575.

All written comments should be received by the Child Care and Development Fund on or before June 15, 2018 and forwarded to: Maribel Loste, CCDF Program Administrator as a hard copy to CCDF Office, Bldg No. 1347 Ascension Ct. Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 or via email at ccdf.maribelloste@gmail.com

/s/ Robert H. Hunter
DCCA Secretary

FHB donates $50K to assist displaced Hawaii residents

HONOLULU, Hawaii—First Hawaiian Bank is contributing $50,000 to provide support to the residents displaced by the recent volcano eruption on the Big Island, according to an announcement yesterday by Bob Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank chairman and chief executive officer.

The bank has partnered with Child & Family Service to offer direct assistance to affected residents with transitional housing and counseling for individuals and families with children experiencing trauma.

"This contribution and partnership with Child & Family Service is intended to provide needed relief to the residents directly affected by the recent volcanic activity. As a team, our employees will continue to assist our friends and neighbors recovering from the aftermath of flooding on Kauai and East Oahu," said Harrison.

"This generous donation from First Hawaiian Bank is critical to helping families meet their immediate and pressing needs in the midst of the uncertainty and fear that so many are experiencing on the Big Island," said Karen Tan, president & CEO of Child & Family Service. "The funds will directly support the physical as well as emotional needs of families who are experiencing trauma from the earthquakes and volcanic activity. CFS is part of the local community and our staff members are on the ground in Hilo and surrounding areas to serve those in need. We will work with families who have been displaced to help them to receive funds for crucial needs such as food, clothing, basic supplies and housing support as soon as possible."

The bank will continue to monitor the situation to assess the changing needs of the community and to determine other ways in which the community can come together to assist those in need as we are doing together in Kauai and East Oahu. First Hawaiian's Community Care employee volunteer program will also be sending out volunteers in the affected communities to lend a hand where needed.

Customers who were affected may contact First Hawaiian for assistance through the bank's loan relief program.

FHB (www.FHB.com) was founded in 1858 as Bishop & Co. and today is Hawaii's leading bank offering a comprehensive suite of banking services to consumer and commercial customers, including deposit products, lending, wealth management, insurance, private banking and trust services. The bank operates 57 branches in Hawaii, three on Guam and two on Saipan. First Hawaiian, Inc., the parent company of First Hawaiian Bank, is the largest publicly traded company based in Hawaii. ***(PR)***

E-Land Group sustains philanthropy

E-Land Group, the parent company of Kensington Hotel Saipan, Pacific Islands Club, and Coral Ocean Golf Resort, supports Saipan's major fundraising events such as American Red Cross Walkathon and upcoming Marianas March Against Cancer.

PIC Saipan once again donated 200 waterpark passes to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter this year. The passes were rewarded to students who raised more than $75 during the Walkathon. For the same event, Kensington Hotel Saipan made in-kind donation, the value of which exceeded $1,000. John Hirsh, ARC-NMI Chapter executive director, said, "We deeply appreciate E-Land Group's long-term partnership with Red Cross."

Kensington Hotel has pledged $1,000 worth of in-kind donations to MMAC. The hotel's, general manager, said, "We highly value what MMAC has been doing for cancer survivors and their families in CNMI. We will continue to support good causes like this."

PIC has a long history of engaging in community outreach on Saipan. Now with newly incorporated E-Land's philosophy after joining E-Land family as well as new leadership of Gloria Cavanagh, PIC's general manager, the resort's dedication to social responsibility initiatives are even more strengthened. So far this year, donations and expenses for outreach programs of Kensington Hotel, PIC, and Coral Ocean Golf Resort have already exceeded $30,000. E-Land Group's has been active in contribution to Saipan community ever since it started business on the island. In line with its business philosophy—"Sharing, Rightness, Growth, and Serving"—the company continues to pay attention to important causes and needs of the community. ***(PR)***

Kensington Hotel has pledged $1,000 worth of in-kind donations to the upcoming Marianas March Against Cancer.

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Javier is new MHS battalion commander

Cadet Bernadette Javier, who is ranked as a lieutenant colonel, has been inducted as the battalion commander of the Dolphin Battalion of Marianas High School last Thursday, April 26, 2018 along with upcoming battalion executive officer Dave Tanghal and battalion command sergeant Maj. Aries Gutierrez.

The MHS Dolphin Battalion staff.

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The three will succeed outgoing battalion commander cadet Lt. Col. Isabel Palacios, outgoing battalion executive officer cadet Maj. Reavenjei Cruz, and outgoing battalion command sergeant cadet Maj. Donald Pangelinan.

The turnover ceremony was led by cadet Capt. Kenisha Roque.

Javier's mother and Tanghal's parents were present during the ceremony, along with the battalion staff and Marianas High School principal Cherlyn Cabrera and vice principal Karen Alla.

"I am extremely honored to be appointed as the battalion commander. I am grateful for the work that I've done for the battalion that enabled me to receive this prestigious position," said Javier during her speech. "I would like to say thank you to my friends and family for giving me support when I informed them of this news."

Javier plans on taking up business management after high school, but is still undecided on which school she wants to attend.

Cadet Lt. Col Bernadette Javier, left, and cadet Maj. Dave Tanghal stand side by side after the pinning of the ranks.

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Tanghal plans to enlist in the U.S. Air Force and go to college at the same time.

Javier plans on winning a trophy for the upcoming school year's drill competition "I plan on making sure that the students who join the program will enjoy and leave a better citizen."

"I have confidence in Bernadette that she will lead the battalion to success," said Palacios, this year's battalion commander.

"I hope that Dave is able to achieve the same goals that I had for my staff this school year," said Cruz, outgoing executive officer.

After the ceremony, the cadets changed out of their uniforms, ate lunch, and had fun and entertainment throughout the day. ***(PR)***

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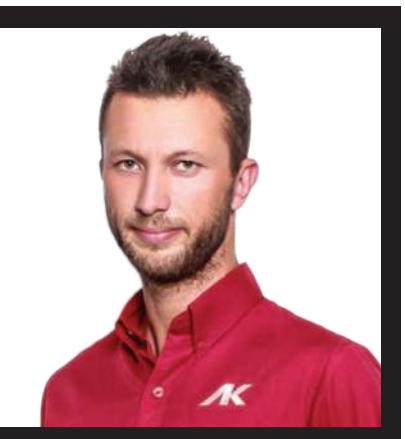

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EDITORIAL

Sea-level rise: the defining issue of the century

No graver threat faces the future of South Florida than the accelerating pace of sea-level rise. In the past century, the sea has risen 9 inches. In the past 23 years, it's risen 3 inches. By 2060, it's predicted to rise another 2 feet, with no sign of slowing down.

Think about that. Water levels could easily be 2 feet higher in 40 years. And scientists say that's a conservative estimate. Because of melting ice sheets and how oceans circulate, there's a chance South Florida's sea level could be 3 feet higher by 2060 and as much as 8 feet by 2100, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

It's not just a matter of how much land we're going to lose, though the barrier islands and low-lying communities will be largely uninhabitable once the ocean rises by 3 feet. It's a matter of what can be saved. And elsewhere, how we're going to manage the retreat.

You see the evidence several times a year in Miami Beach, the finger isles of Fort Lauderdale and along the Intracoastal Waterway in Delray Beach. During king tides on sunny days, seawater bubbles up through storm drains and over seawalls into lawns, streets and storefronts. That didn't happen 20 years ago, but it's going to happen more and more.

Of the 25 American cities most vulnerable to sea-level rise, 22 are in Florida, according to the nonprofit research group Climate Central. They're not all along the coast, either. Along with New York City and Miami, the inland cities of Pembroke Pines, Coral Springs and Miramar round out the top five.

Flooding also is increasing in South Florida's western communities—like Miami-Dade's Sweetwater and The Acreage in Palm Beach County—because seawater is pushing inward through our porous limestone foundation and upward into our aged flood control systems, diminishing capacity. Sawgrass Mills in western Broward closed for three days last year because the region's stormwater system couldn't handle a heavy afternoon thunderstorm. You've never seen that before.

The encroaching sea is bringing sea critters, too. Catfish were spotted swimming through floodwater at a Pompano Beach apartment complex west of I-95 last year. And don't forget the octopus that bubbled up through a stormwater drain in a Miami parking garage.

Not a distant threat

More than the rest of the country, South Floridians get it. The Yale Climate Opinion Maps show 75 percent of us believe global warming is happening, even if we don't all agree on the cause. We understand that when water gets hotter, it expands. And warmer waters are melting the ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica. If all of Greenland's ice were to melt—and make no mistake, it's melting at an increasing clip—scientists say ocean waters could rise 20 feet.

The problem is, we're not convinced sea-level rise will harm us in our lifetimes. We've got to change that mindset because it already is. Like most of us, Doris Edelman of Hollywood hadn't heard of king tides five years ago. Now she can't leave her house those autumn days when king tides lift

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Please, Camille Cosby: I respectfully ask that you stop it

By ELIZABETH WELLINGTON
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Dear Mrs. Camille Cosby:

Please, for the love of God and all things good, just be quiet.

It's over.

Your dear husband _ and to be quite honest, one of my first celebrity idols _ was convicted last week of three counts of sexual assault.

I know that seems unfair to you, especially in a world where disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein and President Trump, who have both been accused of similar acts, still roam free. So I can only imagine that Bill Cosby's possible jail time seems particularly egregious to you. You pledged to love Bill till death do you part. Separation by a 30-year prison term was not part of the deal.

But, Mrs. Cosby, to compare your husband's trial and conviction to a lynching and use the case of Emmett Till as a metaphor, as you did Thursday morning in a three-page statement, is not just outrageous, it's a fallacy. It's right up there with Kanye West's Tuesday afternoon dumb-dumb talk that included the tweet, "slavery was a choice."

This kind of gross exaggeration only serves to distort the painful legacy of African American men: Those powerless brothers of yesteryear who were killed for the minor infractions of not lowering their eyes or clearing the sidewalk when a white woman crossed their path. Philando Castile, Trayvon Martin, and Sandra Bland also come to mind.

So how can you _ a woman from the 1960s era _ even fix your mouth to make that statement?

Till was just a 14-year-old boy when he was lynched and beaten to a pulp in 1955 for what turned out to be false accusations by Carolyn Bryant Donham. But even if Till had grabbed Donham and made lewd comments, the ghastly punishment would in no way fit the crime. To use your words, Till's death was truly a "paradigm of evilness."

Your husband, on the other hand, was one of Hollywood's most powerful men, known for his Quaaludes game. He invited women to his room despite the vows he took. And more than 60 women _ not all of whom were white, by the way _ told similar stories involving drugs and sexual assault. To draw on the history of violence against black men just for being black, and to compare it to Bill's perverted behavior, is vicious.

It's par for the course for public officials _ or anyone else under scrutiny _ to blame the media for their troubles. That tactic would probably be the number-one tool for deflection in a How to Be a Ride or Die Wife Handbook that I suspect you could write easily. "The media ensured the dissemination of that propaganda by establishing barricades, preventing the dissemination of truth in violation of the protection of the First Amendment," you wrote in your searing statement. "Are the media now the people's judge and juries?"

No, we are not.

But it is our job to shine a light on some of our darkest corners. These corners are particularly hard to get at because those closest to them refuse to see it, enable it, or turn a blind eye.

Mrs. Cosby, you have done all three.

On some level, I can't blame you. At a time when the black family was struggling to exist, you and Mr. Cosby were one of Jet Magazine's most upstanding black couples. Together you embodied upward mobility. And as Mr. Cosby's wife, you sat on the highest pedestal.

And in public, Mr. Cosby held you there. He based the perfect Clair Huxtable on you, your mannerisms, how you raised your five children. In hindsight, that public coddling was just a beard. A mask. He used you to cover up the way he treated women behind closed doors. Because these women weren't you _ not his perfect wife _ they didn't deserve his respect. And if these women didn't have your husband's respect, why should they have yours?

We see this dynamic all the time. In fact, it's the center of hip hop culture your husband so despises: the wifey vs. the jump off. This kind of thinking and behavior sustains a rape culture that is free to grow. Every time the wife, or the woman in the on-high role, defends her husband's lascivious acts and fails to label him the predator, this garden of evil is fertilized. Victims bloom like black roses.

So, Mrs. Cosby. Please just stop.

I would never silence a fellow black woman. Too many people do that, especially when we are fighting for a good cause. But Mrs. Cosby, your cause is not noble. Unfortunately, the Cosby legacy is in tatters, so you might as well let that go. But worse, comparing Emmett Till's death to your husband's conviction serves no one except those who still long for the era that would allow such a lynching to take place, or perhaps even darker times.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Wellington

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On his desk, he kept the rules for a life well-lived

By JOHN DRESCHER
THE NEWS & OBSERVER (RALEIGH, N.C.)

RALEIGH, N.C.—Richard Jenrette was one of Raleigh, N.C.'s most accomplished natives. Jenrette, who died recently at age 89, had a remarkably successful business career on Wall Street and as CEO of an insurance company.

But Jenrette had a wide range of interests outside of business, especially in historic homes and furniture, and in keeping up with his friends.

Jenrette lived in New York and in several of the houses he preserved, including in Charleston and St. Croix. But when asked where he was from, he always said Raleigh.

He was known as "the last gentleman on Wall Street." In a 2014 interview with Walter magazine, he said: "Human relations – it's the greatest of all business practices. Simple things like: Always say thank you, don't criticize people in front of others – those are the keys to success."

By all accounts, he had an unusually full and satisfying life. He was known for his warm friendships and generous spirit. I asked some people who knew Jenrette about how he lived. Here's a summary of what they said:

1. He was interested in other people and maintained friendships. "He was energetic, outgoing, articulate, very attuned to the interests of other people," said friend Sherwood Smith of Raleigh, the former CEO of Carolina Power & Light. "He was easy to be with, easy to talk with, very well informed."

Charlie Winston of Raleigh, a restaurateur and developer who knew Jenrette almost his entire life, said: "He stayed in touch. He was the kind of person who had no enemies. He was liked. He was the perfect gentleman."

On his desk, Jenrette kept a piece of paper with 24 rules to succeed in finance and life. Among them was, "Remember—Life has no blessing like a good friend!"

2. He was curious and creative, in business and in his personal life. Jenrette co-founded an investment bank in 1959. He was a driving force in taking that company public, the first time that had been done on Wall Street. Later, as CEO of Equitable Life, he took that foundering company from a mutual insurance company to one with public stock, another unusual move.

"He was so good at getting people to work together to come up with solutions," said long-time friend Frank Daniels Jr., former publisher of The News & Observer.

Jenrette, a UNC-Chapel Hill journalism graduate, liked to ask questions. His nephew, Buddy Jenrette, who considered his uncle his third parent, said he especially liked to engage younger people in conversation. "Stay informed/KEEP LEARNING!" was one of Jenrette's rules.

3. He was committed to a long-time partner. Jenrette's partner of more than 40 years was a man named Bill Thompson, who died in Durham in 2013. Jenrette didn't discuss his sexual orientation with his friends and family but they knew of Jenrette's relationship with Thompson, which became more open as time went by. In Jenrette's paid obituary, Buddy Jenrette wrote of his uncle's "life friend and partner, William L. Thompson."

"As cultural attitudes changed, so did the openness of the relationship change," said Buddy Jenrette, a physician who grew up in Raleigh and now lives in Charleston. He said his uncle's relationship with Thompson "was an incredibly important part" of the fullness of his life: "They were best friends and life partners before people talked about such a thing." In his list of rules to succeed, Jenrette wrote: "It helps to have someone to love who loves you."

Mother's Day poems

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly is a retired teacher and poet living on Tinian who taught English in CNMI public schools for the past 30 years. He has also taught in Alaska, New Orleans, and Las Vegas.

Here are some haiku/senryu from a series of poetry workshops I conducted in the 6th grade English classes of Brenda Safer at Tinian Elementary School. Students were encouraged to write in the language of their choice. Here are their poems for Mother's Day. The three-line poems have been placed in one line, a slash indicates the break between each line to save space. To all CNMI moms, happy Mother's Day!

si nana's/importante/hu guiya hao—Marisa King
hugging mother/with love/mother's day—Ricky Cruz
mother/sleeping/very sweet—John Christian Guintu
hu guiya/nanahu/todu I tiempo—Victoria Sablan
mom/beautiful/inside and out—Kiran Shrestha
nana/sen bonita/ha'anin man nana—Austin John Barcinas Sablan
wonderful caring/sweet lovely/mother—Karen Lagunay
mother/sweet as sugar/ants come—Clarence Rodriguez
mother's day/hu guiya hao/nanan biha—John Eric B.
mom's endless love/beautiful benevolent/there for us—Rose Cruz
beautiful like roses/strong like steel/mother—Ryusei Desebel
my mom/gives me/warm hugs—Yna Agbayani
mother/ raised me/thankful—John Victor Ancheta
nanay/mahal kita/everyday—Allen Morilla
nanay/mahal kita/never forget that—Vince Levi C.
mom/loving me/all day—Bermar Lopez
happy flower/sad cloud/beautiful mom—Danivid Cing
mama nako/guwapa kanunay/gihigugma nako siya—Beverly S.F.G.
shines like a diamond/wonderful rose/Mother's Day—Jeralde Aldan
mom give/courage/to us—Louis Yin
always caring/ giver of life/ Mom—Sinalu Ray Cepeda
smiling star/ happy as a rainbow/Mom—Isa King Aldan
mother/lectures me though/ wise—Isshori Gurung
mom/without her/no love—Elvie Dominguiano
I want to skydive/she won't let me/overprotective mom-David Mendiola
my mom/ loves me/ always—Tara Diaz Pascua
makes us stick together/ center of our family/ Mom—Tasi Long
mom/ so sweet/ sugary chocolate—Axl M. Ong
mom/ hardworking/ thank you—Jared King
mother's love/ all I need/ family—Vincent Manibusan
dad / loses things / Mom finds them—Jeremiah Hofschneider
mother's endless love/beautiful kind/always there for us—Dilasa Karki
mother thank you/ for teaching us/ for being there—Yoshiko Crisostimo
our mom/ very strong/ fights for us—Ishalaine N. Khan
mother/ cuddles me/ from fear—John Mark Palilio
mom and I/totally bonding together/worth it—Ashley Gwyneth Jumao-as
motherly love/world wide/ much sweetness—Marina Joyce Chant
angel/ my light/ Mom—Dhan Miguel N. Robles
mother/ kisses me/ every day—Victor Sablan
mama/ stay with me/ I need you—Savannah Sandbergen
mom/ brought me / to life—Eddawn Loriel Labador
mom / loves me/'til the end—Su Hyeon
mother gone/ never forgotten/by her five Cesareans—Joey Connolly

SEA-LEVEL

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the Intracoastal Waterway over its banks, over her street and halfway up her driveway. Hers is not an isolated case.

One of the reasons sea-level rise feels like a distant threat is because construction cranes still dot our skylines, the population keeps growing and politicians keep approving new developments.

Yet government officials see the danger ahead. South Florida's four counties have created a climate compact that, among many things, requires new construction to anticipate that minimal 2-foot rise in water levels by 2060.

However, sea-level rise is not yet on the short-term horizons of the mortgage and insurance industries. Perhaps that's because lenders generally recoup their money within 10 years and insurers can cancel your policy year to year.

But government officials well know their successors will be stuck with abandoned properties when the water rises. And part of their responsibility will be to clean the debris to ensure pristine ocean water for future generations.

Perhaps you think you're safe because the flood map shows your home is on high ground. But you still need infrastructure—things like roads, power plants, water treatment facilities, airports and drinking-water wellfields. So while your house may be high and dry, good luck getting to the grocery store, the doctor's office or out of town.

It's tricky to trumpet the threat headed our way. Scientists like Harold Wanless, a noted University of Miami coastal geologist, have the freedom to be blunt. He says says the local projection understates the accelerating rate of rise. "By the end of the century and just after," Wanless says, "South Florida will be a greatly diminished place and sea level will be rising at a foot or more per decade."

But local leaders fear scaring people and damaging our economy. Though our region is certain to be reshaped, they express confidence that we can adapt if we start planning now to raise roads, elevate buildings, update the region's 70-year-old flood control system, buy out flood-prone properties and make smart choices about what to save and where to invest.

Leadership lacking elsewhere

At the federal level, little leadership is being shown on the threat of sea-level rise. President Trump recently rolled back the Obama-era order that requires infrastructure projects, like roads and bridges, be designed to survive rising sea levels. And though membership is growing in Congress' Climate Solutions Caucus, too many Republican members still deny the reality of climate change and sea-level rise, perhaps fearing political retribution by right-wing deniers. U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio resides in that camp.

In Tallahassee, after years of silence on sea-level rise, Gov. Rick Scott this year finally requested $3.6 million—a pittance, really—to help local governments plan. But despite the efforts of some South Florida lawmakers, the issue wasn't on the Legislature's agenda, partly because of the politics of climate change and partly because term limits create a revolving door of lawmakers who focus on today's hot buttons, not tomorrow's existential threats.

"It's not something we've taken a position on," Cragin Mosteller, communications director for the Florida Association of Counties, said in December when asked about sea-level rise. "We represent 67 counties who have differing opinions ... So for us, we're trying to focus on the things counties need to manage water."

Mark Wilson, president of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, says that to get Tallahassee's attention, we must first raise public awareness. Then, people need to make their voices heard.

"I travel the state more than anybody but the governor. I promise you that people are not demanding that their local House member and their local senator drop what they're doing and do something about sea-level rise," Wilson said. "The solution is to raise awareness to it."

Raising our region's voice

To that end, the editorial boards of the South Florida Sun Sentinel, Miami Herald and Palm Beach Post—with reporting help from WLRN radio—are joining hands in an unprecedented collaboration this election year to raise awareness about the threat facing South Florida from sea-level rise. In drumbeat fashion, we plan to inform, engage, provoke and build momentum to address the slow-motion tidal wave coming our way.

Sea-level rise is the defining issue of the 21st Century for South Florida. Some of us might not live long enough to see its full effects, but our children and grandchildren will. To prepare for a future that will look far different, we've got to start planning and adapting today.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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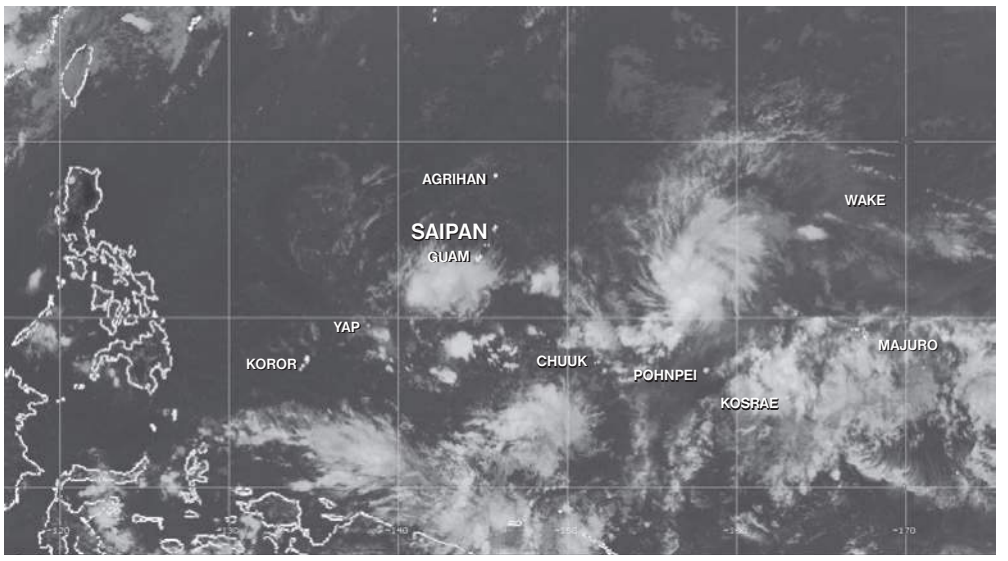
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Two weak circulations connected by a trough are located south and east of Guam. The models gradually bring the weather, already seen to the south on radar, northward into the Guam area. For now, they seem to not bring it any farther north. This will be a borderline scenario though and could be subject to change. The big story is unchanged, save that it is possibly delayed a bit. Winds and waves will be decreasing, which will mean good weather for mariners coming up. The only other issue will be, with winds expected to lighten up like this, could we end up with island thunder. Those will be the two big forecast problems of the day.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	88° / 79°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	86° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	68° / 54°
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	84° / 61°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	81° / 75°
Honolulu	Cloudy	79° / 72°
London	Mostly Sunny	75° / 54°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	77° / 60°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	97° / 81°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	66° / 48°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	82° / 74°
New York	Sunny	71° / 53°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	72° / 52°
Paris	Mostly Sunny	79° / 55°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	63° / 50°
Rome	Thunderstorm	72° / 59°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	85° / 61°
San Francisco	Sunny	61° / 52°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	73° / 48°
Tokyo	Rain	63° / 54°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	76° / 57°

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2:33 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.70
8:31 AM	LOW TIDE	1.16
12:29 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.39
7:57 PM	LOW TIDE	0.27

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:50 AM	6:36 PM
Wednesday	5:50 AM	6:36 PM
Thursday	5:50 AM	6:36 PM
Friday	5:49 AM	6:37 PM
Saturday	5:49 AM	6:37 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:32 AM	12:15 PM	-
Wednesday	1:15 AM	1:05 PM	-
Thursday	1:56 AM	1:55 PM	-
Friday	2:37 AM	2:45 PM	-
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
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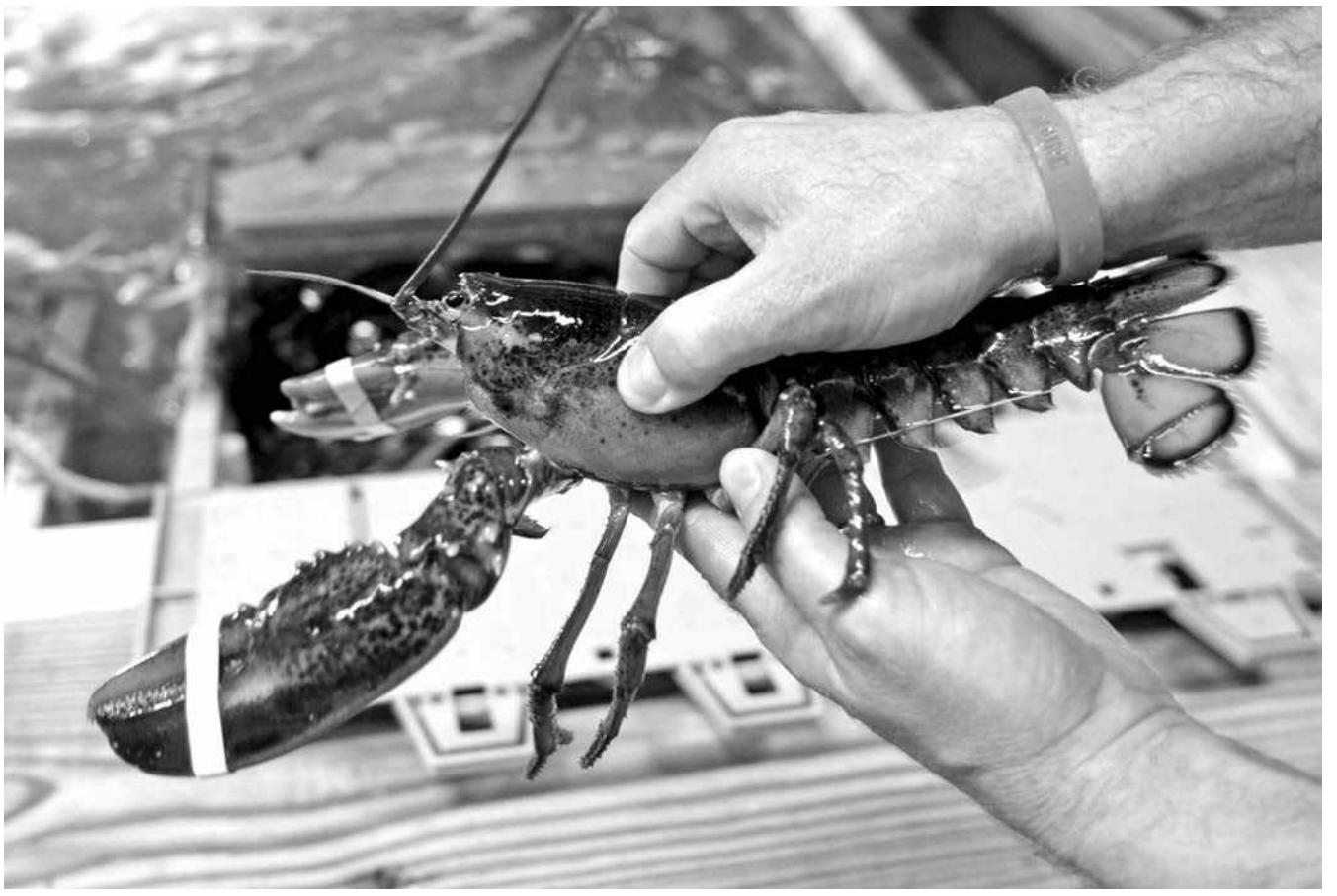
Business

Lobster prices high, but dropping as summer approaches

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)—Lobster prices are high in the U.S. right now, but members of the industry expect them to come down soon as the Canadian catch creeps up and America's summer haul gets going.

One-pound lobsters, which Mainers call "chicks," are selling for about $12 per pound to consumers, which is a couple of dollars per pound more than six months ago. The U.S. lobster industry, based heavily in Maine, is in a slow mode as fishermen get ready to pull traps in the summer.

The lack of fishing effort and high prices have caused some in the seafood industry to raise the possibility of a shortage, but industry members say quite the opposite is true. Canada's spring fishing season is just starting to heat up, which means prices already are starting to track back down, industry members said.



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In this June 12, 2015 file photo, a lobster is pulled from crate in Kennebunkport, Maine.

U.S. lobstermen who were getting $10 per pound for their catch at the dock in March are now getting closer to $6, said Spencer Fuller, a lobster buyer and the president of the Maine Lobster Dealers' Association. Consumers can expect to start seeing that price shift show up at the seafood counter soon.

"You had weather, nothing around, fairly steady demand, it just drives the price crazy," Fuller said. "Now we're heading toward normalcy."

The wholesale price of 1¼-pound lobsters fell from $10.78 per pound in April to $8.51 per pound this month in the New England market, according to business publisher Urner Barry. It's typical for lobster prices to fall from April to May, but the May price is still about $1.50 above average, according to Urner Barry data.

Maine's lobster catch fell to about 111 million pounds last year after setting a record of 132.5 million pounds the previous year. It was the lowest total since 2011, though still much more than the typical catch in the 1990s and early 2000s. More than 80 percent of the nation's catch typically comes to shore in Maine, although Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island also have significant lobster fisheries.

Fresh, live lobster is historically a summer food in New England, but the growing globalization of the lobster business is starting to change that. That means demand is sometimes higher in the cooler months once considered the lobster "off season."

Exports to China also have increased, which has resulted in some worry about a potential lobster shortage in the U.S., said Michael King, purchasing director of King's Seafood Co., which operates a distribution center in Santa Ana, California. American catch also appeared to suffer due to bad weather during the already-slow winter season this year, he said.

"It's a double whammy of lower supply plus increase in demand," King said.

But there's every reason to believe there will be plenty of lobster to go around this coming summer, said Kristan Porter, president of the Maine Lobstermen's Association.

"Guys are getting gear ready to set," he said. "It's absolutely a typical spring."

Frank discussion needed with scattered boss

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Q: A few months ago, I was hired by a woman who has been a wedding photographer for 30 years. "Marsha" recently opened her own studio in order to expand her business beyond weddings. Unfortunately, she is not very computer savvy, so she has a lot of difficulty operating the equipment.

To provide a full line of services, Marsha also decided to offer custom picture-framing. Because she has no framing experience, she hired me to run that part of the business. Although she promised to purchase everything we would need, she has absolutely no understanding of what a professional frame shop requires.

Now I seem to be expected to produce quality results without proper equipment or supplies. On top of that, Marsha constantly interrupts my work to ask for help with her computer issues. Because I believe Marsha was dishonest with me, I'm feeling quite resentful and concerned for my future. What should I do?

A: Based on your description, Marsha sounds more scattered than deceptive. She undoubtedly had high hopes for this expansion plan, but failed to consider all the practical realities. Like many enthusiastic business owners, she was overly optimistic about both her abilities and her resources.

While photography and framing are certainly complementary, they are totally separate endeavors. Regrettably, Marsha seems to have focused only on the marketing potential without fully considering implementation costs. As a result, she made promises which she is either unable or unwilling to keep.

To determine your own best course of action, you need a better understanding of Marsha's current intentions. Without becoming upset or accusatory, present her with a detailed summary of requirements for a quality framing business. If she appears willing to provide those resources, then perhaps you should give her another chance.

On the other hand, this disorganized woman does seem to require a lot of help. So if you prefer not to fulfill that role, it may be time to find a more established employer.

Q: I have a young coworker who is very immature. "Rachel" argues with me constantly and always insists that she is right. We butt heads over the most trivial and stupid things. Rachel's stubbornness is driving me crazy, and I just can't take it anymore. Do you have any advice?

A: You have apparently forgotten that an argument requires two participants. So if you really want to end these pointless disputes, just stop arguing. By continuing to engage in "trivial and stupid" debates, you are being equally as immature and stubborn as your quarrelsome coworker.

The real issue here is that you find Rachel irritating, so you have allowed yourself to get emotionally "hooked" into an oppositional behavior pattern. To break this cycle, the next time you're tempted to jump into the fray, simply take a deep breath and withdraw from the discussion.

For example: "Rachel, I think we should agree to disagree, because this issue really isn't important to me." Then you must stop talking and shift attention to your work. Just be sure to smile during this exchange, because a snippy attitude will only add fuel to the fire.

China slams US' 'Orwellian nonsense' jab on its Taiwan push

BEIJING (AP)—Beijing has dismissed the White House's criticism of China's "Orwellian nonsense" demands that foreign airlines not refer to self-ruled Taiwan as a country, saying foreign companies operating in China must respect the nation's sovereignty.

The Chinese foreign ministry said "whatever the U.S. says will never change the objective fact that there is only one China in the world and the Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan regions are an inalienable part of China's territory."

"Foreign enterprises operating in China should respect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, abide by China's law and respect the national sentiment of the Chinese people," Geng Shuang, a ministry spokesman, said in a statement Sunday on the ministry's website.

The government of President Xi Jinping has been increasingly assertive about its claims to self-ruled Taiwan. Delta Air Lines, hotel operator Marriott, fashion brand Zara and other companies have apologized to China for referring to Taiwan, semi-autonomous Hong Kong, and Tibet as countries on websites or promotional material.

The White House on Saturday condemned China's efforts to control how U.S. airlines refer to Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau, saying the push to make them comply with Chinese standards is "Orwellian nonsense."

Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said in a statement that Trump would "stand up for Americans resisting efforts by the Chinese Communist Party to impose Chinese political correctness on American companies and citizens."

China's Civil Aviation Administration has demanded the change from 36 foreign carriers, including some American carriers, according to the White House.

"This is Orwellian nonsense and part of a growing trend by the Chinese Communist Party to impose its political views on American citizens and private companies," Sanders said. She said the Trump administration is calling on China "to stop threatening and coercing American carriers and citizens."

The harshly worded statement came as a high-level trade delegation led by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin returned from negotiations in China and as Secretary of State Mike Pompeo spoke with a member of the Chinese Communist Party leadership.

In their telephone conversation on Saturday, Pompeo and Politburo member Yang Jiechi "affirmed the importance of a constructive, results-oriented bilateral relationship," State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in a statement.

Nation

Hawaii volcano destroys 26 homes, spews lava 200 feet in air

PAHOA, Hawaii (AP)—The number of homes destroyed by Hawaii's Kilauea volcano jumped to 26 Sunday as scientists reported lava spewing more than 200 feet (61 meters) into the air.

Some of the more than 1,700 people who evacuated prepared for the possibility they may not return for quite some time.

Hawaii officials said the decimated homes were in the Leilani Estates subdivision, where molten rock, toxic gas and steam have been bursting through openings in the ground created by the volcano. Officials updated the number of lost homes after an aerial survey of the subdivision.

"That number could change," Hawaii County spokeswoman Janet Snyder said. "This is heartbreaking."

Amber Makuakane, 37, a teacher and single mother of two, said her three-bedroom house in Leilani Estates was destroyed by lava.

The dwelling was across from a fissure that opened Friday, when "there was some steam rising from all parts of the yard, but everything looked fine," Makuakane said.

On Saturday, she received alerts from her security system that motion sensors throughout the house had been triggered. She later confirmed that lava had covered her property.

"They don't really understand," she said about her children. "My son keeps asking me, 'Mommy when are we going to go home?'"

Makuakane grew up in the area and lived in her house for nine years. Her parents also live in Leilani Estates.

"The volcano and the lava -- it's always been a part of my life," she said. "It's devastating ... but I've come to terms with it."

AP
In this Saturday, May 5, 2018 photo, a new fissure erupts in Leilani Estates in Pahoa, Hawaii.

Lava has spread around 387,500 square feet (36,000 square meters) surrounding the most active fissure, though the rate of movement is slow. There was no indication when the lave might stop or how far it might spread.

"There's more magma in the system to be erupted. As long as that supply is there, the eruption will continue," U.S. Geological Survey volcanologist Wendy Stovall said.

Traditional Hawaiian beliefs say it depends on Pele, the volcano goddess who is said to reside in Kilauea.

"You have to ask Pele," Steve Clapper said when asked whether he had any idea when he'd return to his Leilani Estates home.

Clapper had to put his ailing 88-year-old mother into a car and leave shortly after hearing an ominous rumbling behind the house. He believes he saw its roof still standing in photos of the area but can't be sure. Still, the California native was sanguine as he assessed his situation.

"What can you do? You have no control over it," Clapper said as he started his day at a nearby evacuation shelter. "Pele's the boss, you know."

Cherie McArthur wondered what would become of her macadamia nut farm in Lanipuna Gardens, another evacuated neighborhood near Leilani Estates. One of the year's first harvests had been planned for this weekend.

"If we lose our farm, we don't know where we're going to go. You lose your income and you lose your home at the same time," said McArthur, who's had the farm for about 20 years. "All you can do is pray and hope and try to get all the information you can."

About 240 people and 90 pets spent Saturday night at shelters, the American Red Cross said.

Officials let some residents return briefly Sunday to fetch pets, medicine and documents.

The number of lava-venting fissures in the neighborhood grew overnight from eight to as many as 10, Stovall said, though some have quieted at various points. Regardless, USGS scientists expect fissures to keep spewing.

The lava could eventually be channeled to one powerful vent while others go dormant, as has happened in some previous Hawaii eruptions, Stovall said.

Kilauea (pronounced kill-ah-WAY'-ah), one of the world's most active volcanoes, has been erupting continuously since 1983. The USGS's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory issued a notice in mid-April that there were signs of pressure building in underground magma, and a new vent could form on the cone or along what's known as the East Rift Zone. Leilani Estates sits along the zone .

The crater floor began to collapse Monday, triggering earthquakes and pushing lava into new underground chambers that carried it toward Leilani Estates and nearby communities. A magnitude-6.9 earthquake — Hawaii's largest in more than 40 years — hit the area Friday.

CIA nominee offered to withdraw over interrogation program

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gina Haspel, President Donald Trump's nominee to lead the Central Intelligence Agency, offered to withdraw her nomination, two senior administration officials said Sunday, amid concerns that a debate over a harsh interrogation program would tarnish her reputation and that of the CIA.

White House aides on Friday sought out additional details about Haspel's involvement in the CIA's now-defunct program of detaining and brutally interrogating terror suspects after 9/11 as they prepared her for Wednesday's confirmation hearing. This is when she offered to withdraw, the officials said.

They said Haspel, who is the acting director of the CIA, was reassured that her nomination was still on track and will not withdraw. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations. The news was first reported Sunday by The Washington Post.

Haspel, who would be the first woman to lead the CIA, is the first career operations officer to be nominated to lead the agency in decades. She served almost entirely undercover and much of her record is classified. Democrats say she should be disqualified because she was the chief of base at a covert detention site in Thailand where two terrorism suspects were subjected to waterboarding, a technique that simulates drowning.

Haspel has told lawmakers in recent weeks that she would stand firm against any effort to restart the brutal detention and interrogation program, administration officials told The Associated Press on Friday. She is expected to reiterate that publicly this week.

Haspel, one official said, was wary of suffering the same fate as failed veterans affairs nominee Ronny Jackson and of dredging up the CIA's troubled past. She took over last month as the acting CIA director after the previous director, Mike Pompeo, was sworn in as secretary of state.

After her offer to withdraw, White House aides worked to reassure her that she had the president's support.

As with other nominations, this one hit a roadblock but is back on track, said a third administration official familiar with the effort to get her confirmed.

Haspel's conversations with senators continue ahead of Wednesday's confirmation hearing at the Senate Intelligence Committee and a later full vote in the Senate.

In addition, the CIA has sent materials to the Senate, some classified, that the lawmakers can read to better understand not only her work in the Counterterrorism Center, which oversaw the harsh interrogation program, but also other aspects of her 33-year career, including more than 30 years undercover.

She has received robust backing from former intelligence, diplomatic, military and national security officials, who praise her extensive intelligence career.

ACROSS THE NATION

Gas station worker, doused with gasoline, sets himself afire

NEWBURY, Mass. (AP)—Authorities say a Massachusetts gas station worker doused himself with gasoline, set himself on fire and ran but was tackled by a police officer who extinguished the flames. The Essex District Attorney's office says the unidentified 24-year-old man was at the Newbury gas where he works Saturday afternoon when he set himself afire. The police officer who responded initially tried to put the fire out with an extinguisher, but the man ran away. Prosecutors say the officer managed to tackle him to the ground and extinguish the flames. The man is in critical condition at a Boston hospital. The officer has been released from a hospital and is expected to be OK.
Authorities did not say why the man set himself on fire.

Trial set for Latvian accused of running malware operation

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP)—Jury selection is set to begin in Virginia in the trial of a Latvian man accused of running a hacking operation offering malware products and services to cybercriminals. Ruslans Bondars is to go on trial Monday on federal charges of conspiracy, wire fraud and computer hacking. Authorities say Bondars and a Russian national, Jurijs Martisevs, ran a malware service that operated for more than a decade and was linked to major cyberattacks against U.S. businesses. Authorities say the services they offered included checking malware to see if it could be detected by leading antivirus software products. Prosecutors say the alleged coconspirators include a malware developer who operated from Great Falls, Virginia. Martisevs pleaded guilty in March to conspiracy and hacking charges. He faces sentencing in July.

New church breaks ground in Texas town after massacre

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP)—A new church has broken ground in the Texas town of Sutherland Springs six months after a gunman killed more than two dozen people during a Sunday service. Sherri Pomeroy of First Baptist Church says Saturday's groundbreaking was held on the six-month anniversary of the deadliest mass shooting in Texas history to "celebrate the lives that our friends and family lived." Pomeroy's husband is the pastor of the church where Devin Patrick Kelley opened fire. Their 14-year-old daughter was among those killed. Authorities put the official death toll at 26 because one of the 25 people killed was pregnant. The San Antonio Express-News reports that community members reiterated during the weekend ceremony that no victims' funds would be used for construction of the new $3 million church.

Asia

Australia says asylum seekers target NZ backdoor

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—People smugglers are marketing New Zealand as a back door into Australia, an Australian government minister said Monday after Malaysian authorities intercepted a boat carrying Sri Lankan asylum seekers.

More than 130 Sri Lankans believed to be heading for Australia and New Zealand were intercepted when Malaysian authorities halted the modified tanker on Tuesday off the coast of southern Johor state.

Malaysian police chief Mohamad Fuzi Harun said in a statement the group included 98 men, 24 women, four boys and five girls.

Border Protection Minister Peter Dutton credited those who stopped the boat for doing great work in disrupting "a very sophisticated operation" to bring people to either New Zealand or Australia.

"Some people it seems have been told different stories about their destination," Dutton said. "New Zealand is now being marketed as a definite destination."

Because of Australia's close ties with New Zealand, travelers who arrive in New Zealand immediately qualify for an Australian visa.

Australia has stopped asylum seekers from attempting to reach its shores aboard rickety fishing boats from Indonesian ports by refusing to allow boat arrivals to ever resettle on the Australian mainland.

Australia pays the poor Pacific nations of Nauru and Papua New Guinea to keep asylum seekers from Asia, the Middle East and Africa in immigration camps indefinitely.

The boats used to arrive on Australian shores at a rate of more than one a day, but no boat smuggling people has arrived in Australia in almost four years.

But Dutton said 14,000 asylum seekers were waiting in Indonesia for a chance to come to Australia.

"People realize that New Zealand is a backdoor way into Australia, that New Zealand is a comparable society to Australia," Dutton said. "It has a similar welfare system, similar health, education offerings, housing, etc.—it is marketed in the same way as Australia is as a positive destination."

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Australian Border Protection Minister Peter Dutton, left, and Air Vice-Marshal Stephen Osborne, commander of Operation Sovereign Borders, address reporters at Parliament House in Canberra, Australia, Monday, May 7, 2018.

Air Vice-Marshal Stephen Osborne, commander of Australia's Operation Sovereign Borders which blocks or turns back asylum-seeker boats that head toward Australia, described the ship stopped by the Malaysians as a "much larger vessel than we've seen for some time" and the smuggling operation as "far more complex and sophisticated" than previous attempts.

Malaysian police also raided a fishing boat used to transport the migrants to the vessel and detained three Indonesians and four Malaysians on board, Fuzi said. Another five Malaysians were arrested for suspected involvement in the smuggling syndicate.

A total of 127 Sri Lankans will be charged for entering Malaysia illegally while nine Malaysians, four Indonesians and four Sri Lankans will be investigated for human smuggling, Fuzi added.

Bombing inside a mosque in Afghanistan kills 14, wounds 33

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A bomb blast inside a mosque in eastern Afghanistan that was being used as a voter registration center killed at least 14 people and wounded 33, officials said on Sunday.

Talib Mangal, spokesman for the provincial governor in Khost, said that there was one female among those killed in the attack. "The blast happened while people were busy with prayers, meanwhile in other part of the mosque people had gathered to get their voter registration cards for the election," he added.

Afghanistan plans to hold elections in October, the first since 2014.

Habib Shah Ansari, the provincial head of public health, also confirmed the toll from the attack in the city of Khost, the capital of the province of the same name.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid denied the group's involvement. "We reject any kind of involvement in this incident," he said.

Both the Taliban and a local affiliate of the Islamic State group reject democratic elections and have targeted them in the past. IS is not known to have a presence in Khost, but has expanded its footprint into other areas in recent years.

Last month, an Islamic State suicide bomber attacked a voter registration center in Kabul, killing 60 people and wounding at least 130 others.

The Taliban and IS have launched a relentless wave of attacks since the start of the year, killing scores of civilians in the capital, Kabul, and elsewhere. Afghan security forces have struggled to combat the groups since the U.S. and NATO concluded their combat mission at the end of 2014, switching to a counterterrorism and support role.

Elsewhere in Afghanistan, a vehicle carrying shopkeepers on their way to a market struck a roadside bomb in Afghanistan's northern Faryab province, killing seven of them. Police spokesman Karim Yuresh said another civilian was wounded in Sunday's attack, in an area where both the Taliban and IS are active.

In the eastern Paktia province, a car bomb killed two people and wounded another three. Abdullah Hsart, the provincial governor's spokesman, said the attack late Saturday targeted Hazart Mohammad Rodwal, a district chief, who was among the wounded. The Taliban claimed the attack.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Islamic countries call Rohingya crisis 'ethnic cleansing'

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—A grouping of Islamic countries says Myanmar's treatment of Rohingya Muslims is a "serious and blatant violation of international law" and it is calling for international support in solving the crisis. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation issued a joint statement at the end of a two-day conference in Bangladesh, which has taken in more than 700,000 Rohingya who have fled violence in Myanmar. The statement issued Sunday said the grouping will continue to work the U.N. and other global platforms to address the rights violations taking place in Myanmar. The grouping echoed previous international statements saying ethnic cleansing is taking place in Myanmar. Bangladesh Foreign Minister A.H. Mahmood Ali said delegates pledged solidarity with his country "in the face of the huge Rohingya influx with its humanitarian and security consequences."

Gunman wounds Pakistan's interior minister in Punjab

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A gunman opened fire on the country's interior minister after a public meeting in his constituency Sunday, wounding him in the shoulder, officials said. Talal Chaudhry, the Minister of State for Interior Affairs, says Interior Minister Ahsan Iqbal was returning to his car after a meeting in Narowal district when he came under attack. Senior police officer Imran Kishwar said the attacker was immediately arrested, and that the interior minister was out of danger. He said the 22-year-old gunman fired at the minister at close range. His motivation was not immediately known. Malik Ahmed Khan, the spokesman for Punjab government, said the bullet impacted the minister's arm. He said Iqbal went to Narowal to mobilize support for his re-election. The attack on the interior minister comes ahead of parliamentary elections scheduled for mid-July. Government ministers and opposition leaders condemned the attack. The Leader of Opposition Khurshid Shah described it an attempt to portray the security apparatus as weak and create environment of fear ahead of the elections. Popular opposition leader Imran Khan and his PTI party demanded a probe into the attack.

East Timor hero calls for restraint after campaign violence

VIKEKE, East Timor (AP)—East Timorese independence hero Xanana Gusmao is calling on supporters not to be provoked after campaigning for elections this week was marred by violence. Gusmao's National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction party said 18 of its supporters in Vikeke district were injured over the weekend and two vehicles damaged in an attack by members of rival faction Fretilin. The parliamentary elections next Saturday are the second in less than a year for East Timor after the Fretilin-led minority government collapsed in January. After the alleged attack last Saturday, Gusmao said Fretilin was a party of violence that should be shut down but also urged his supporters to show restraint. "I ask all of you not to respond to provocation from other parties' members," he said. "When you return home you should keep your own security and do not serve violence." Jorge Ribeiro, a local official with Gusmao's party, said police and soldiers who responded to the violence have not arrested anyone. Vikeke's police commander Antonio Mauluto said the incident is being investigated. Mari Alkatari, secretary-general of Fretilin, did not immediately respond to phone calls or text messages seeking comment.

Hundreds remember Latvian woman raped, killed in south India

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, India (AP)—Friends and relatives gathered Sunday to remember the Latvian woman who police say was raped and murdered after she disappeared while being treated at a center for traditional medicine in south India. The 33-year-old woman, who was receiving traditional Ayurvedic treatment for depression in the state of Kerala, disappeared in mid-March. Her badly decomposed body was found April 21. Police say two men lured the woman from a popular beach near the treatment center, then drugged and raped her. They killed her when she resisted. Both men have been arrested, police said, but the investigation is continuing to see if anyone else was involved in the attack. Hundreds of people, including the woman's sister, gathered Sunday in the city of Thiruvananthapuram to remember the victim and plant a tree in her memory. "Dear sister, I know you are here. I know you are watching all of us. You are free and safe in (the) all-loving hands of God," her sister said at the service. "We shall meet again when the time is right." Indian law prohibits identifying rape victims, including those who have been killed. Her sister's name is also not being published, because it could identify her.

World

Britain hopes to address Trump concerns on Iran nuclear deal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Britain's ambassador to the U.S. said Sunday his country believes it's still possible to address President Donald Trump's concerns about the Iran nuclear deal in time to prevent him from pulling out of the agreement.

Kim Darroch said Britain has ideas for dealing with those concerns. They include Iran's ballistic missile program and its involvement in Mideast conflicts, issues that aren't part of the international agreement. Trump also objects to the accord's sunset clause, which allows Iran to resume part of its nuclear program after 2025.

"We think that we can find some language, produce some action that meets the president's concerns," Darroch told CBS' "Face the Nation."

The deadline for Trump's decision is this coming Saturday.

Britain's foreign secretary, Boris Johnson, has scheduled talks with U.S. officials in Washington this week. His trip follows visits in recent weeks by the leaders of France and Germany, who also tried to convince Trump to stick with the agreement. All three European countries signed the 2015 deal, along with Russia and China.

AP

In this photo released by an official website of the office of the Iranian Presidency, President Hassan Rouhani speaks in the northeastern city of Sabzevar, on his tour of Razavi Khorasan province, Sunday, May 6, 2018.

In an op-ed Sunday for The New York Times, Johnson wrote that the agreement offered the fewest disadvantages of all the options available. "It has weaknesses, certainly, but I am convinced they can be remedied. Indeed at this moment Britain is working alongside the Trump administration and our French and German allies to ensure that they are," he wrote.

Iran's president warned Trump on Sunday that leaving the nuclear deal would be a "historic regret."

The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee also advised against pulling out of the accord without a clearer idea of the consequences and urged Trump to give the Europeans time to address his concerns.

"So maybe the best thing is for the president to delay a bit more his deadline of this month and put the French and the British up to the test about whether it is possible to get this other sort of agreement," Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, said on "Fox News Sunday."

Lebanon votes in shadow of Syria war, reflecting divisions

BEIRUT (AP)—Voting Sunday for the first time in her life, the young Shiite Muslim woman said she was casting her ballot for the Shiite militant Hezbollah group. One of her relatives was killed while fighting Sunni militants near the border with Syria and she wanted to honor that sacrifice with her vote.

"Had it not been for the resistance we wouldn't be here," said Zahraa Harb, 24, as she and her husband entered a polling station in the southern Beirut suburb of Burj al-Barajneh. "The arms of the resistance protected Lebanon. Had it not been for the resistance all of Lebanon would have fallen into the hands of the terrorists."

Sunday's parliamentary election was the first in nine years—and the first since the catastrophic civil war in Syria broke out seven years ago. The conflict has nearly torn apart this tiny Arab nation with bouts of spillover violence and sent more than a million Syrian refugees—a quarter of Lebanon's population—pouring across the border.

The war next door has divided Lebanese, with some supporting Syrian President Bashar Assad and others sympathizing with the rebels trying to bring him down. In May 2013, the Iranian-backed Hezbollah began openly sending its fighters to back Assad and since then has taken part in almost every major battle in the country. Hundreds of its fighters have been killed and wounded while fighting in Syria, an intervention that Hezbollah says was necessary to protect Lebanon from the Sunni militants that proliferated across the border in the chaos of Syria's civil war.

The divisions and open hostility were on display Sunday among Hezbollah supporters and opponents of the Shiite militants. As polls closed, fist fights broke out in the Beirut district of Tareeq Jdideh, a bastion of support for Saad Hariri, Lebanon's Western-backed Sunni prime minister, with both sides throwing stones at each other as security forces rushed to contain the violence.

Hariri, who heads a national unity government that includes members of Hezbollah, is widely expected to return as prime minister and recreate that coalition following Sunday's election. But that political alliance, seen as necessary to keep the peace, is not often translated into harmony on the street.

For Harb and her husband, Ashraf Harake, casting their ballots for Hezbollah came down to a matter of survival.

She recalled how her parents' home shook when twin suicide bombings claimed by the Islamic State group targeted their hometown of Burj al-Barajneh on Nov. 12, 2015, killing 43 people in the deadliest attack by extremists in Lebanon since the war in Syria broke out. Harake, who was her fiance back then, rushed from the house to help dozens of people wounded in the streets.

"The Burj al-Barajneh blasts made us more determined," said Harb, her face framed by a black traditional Islamic head scarf. Her husband's cousin, Ali Harake, had been killed a year earlier when IS militants sent explosives-rigged vehicles into Hezbollah strongholds in the Qalamoun mountains on Lebanon's border with Syria.

"I will raise my children on the ideology of the resistance," said Harb, who is six months pregnant with her first child, and sees Hezbollah as a group that once fought to liberate Lebanon from Israeli occupation and now protects the country from Syria-based militant groups.

WORLD BRIEFS

Spain rescues 476 migrants crossing Mediterranean Sea

MADRID (AP)—Spain's maritime rescue service said Sunday that it saved 476 migrants who were attempting the perilous crossing of the Mediterranean Sea from African shores.

The migrants were pulled from 15 small boats on Friday and Saturday, officials said. There were no reported casualties. Separately, a Spanish nonprofit dedicated to helping migrants at sea rescued 105 more migrants in waters near Libya during a mission on Sunday. The aid group Proactiva Open Arms found the migrants, from Bangladesh, Egypt, Libya, Nigeria and other countries, drifting at sea in a motorless boat. The migrants told an Associated Press photographer onboard who documented the rescue that human smugglers sailing in a separate boat removed their boat's engine halfway through the dangerous Mediterranean crossing and left. Favorable weather appears to have sparked the surge in sea crossings. Each year, tens of thousands of migrants attempt to reach Spain and other southern European countries by crossing the Mediterranean in smugglers' boats. Most of the vessels are unfit for open water, and thousands of migrants drown each year.

Rights group: Egypt uses solitary confinement as 'torture'

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt is holding political prisoners in "prolonged and indefinite solitary confinement" that amounts to "torture," an international rights group said Monday. In a new report, Amnesty International said dozens of detained human rights activists, journalists and members of the opposition held in solitary confinement face "horrendous physical abuse." Such treatment results in "panic attacks, paranoia, hypersensitivity to stimuli, and difficulties with concentration and memory," it said. Egypt has detained thousands of people, mainly Islamists but also several prominent secular activists, since the military overthrew an elected but divisive Islamist president, Mohammed Morsi, in 2013. Morsi himself has reportedly been held in solitary confinement for most of the last five years. "Under international law, solitary confinement may only be used as a disciplinary measure of last resort, but the Egyptian authorities are using it as a horrifying 'extra' punishment for political prisoners," said Najia Bounaim, Amnesty's North Africa campaigns director. The London-based group said it has documented 36 cases of prisoners being held in solitary confinement, including six who have been isolated from the outside world since 2013. It said the prisoners in solitary confinement remain in their cells for 22 hours a day.

Russian protest leader Navalny out of jail, faces 2 charges

MOSCOW (AP)—Alexei Navalny, the leader of protests against President Vladimir Putin that resulted in the arrests of more than 1,500 demonstrators across Russia including himself, said Sunday that the actions were worthwhile even though he faces another possible stretch in jail. Navalny was released from detention Sunday, a day after he was arrested in Moscow's Pushkin Square along with hundreds of other demonstrators protesting Putin's upcoming inauguration Monday for a new term. He said he has been charged with organizing an unauthorized meeting and of resisting police. Each of those charges can carry a jail sentence of 15 days. He is to appear in court on the charges on Friday. OVD-Info, an organization that monitors Russian political arrests, said at least 1,575 people were arrested in demonstrations in 26 cities across Russia on Saturday protesting Putin's upcoming inauguration Monday for a new term. It was not clear Sunday how many remained in custody, although the presidential human rights council said about 80 percent of 658 detainees in Moscow had been released.

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Hagar Yahia, a Yemeni woman, shows the amount of flour she uses to make a loaf of bread, in this Feb. 15, 2018 photo taken in Abyan, Yemen. On the few good days when she or her husband find work, they may have some vegetables. But most often they eat a heavy bread called "tawa" that fills the stomach longer, Yahia said.

Starving Yemen mothers skip meals to save their children

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The young mother stepped onto the scale for the doctor. Even with all her black robes on, she weighed only 84 pounds—38 kilograms. Umm Mizrah is pregnant, but starving herself to feed her children.

And her sacrifice may not be enough to save them.

The doctor's office is covered with dozens of pictures of emaciated babies who have come through Al-Sadaqa Hospital in Aden, casualties of a three-year war in Yemen that has left millions of people on the edge of famine.

Mothers like Umm Mizrah are often the only defense against the hunger that has killed thousands. They skip meals, they sleep to escape the gnawing in their stomachs. They hide bony faces and emaciated bodies in voluminous black abaya robes and veils.

The doctor asked the mother to get back on the scale holding her son, Mizrah. At 17 months, he was 5.8 kilograms (12.8 pounds) - around half the normal weight for his age.

He showed all the signs of "severe acute malnutrition," the most dire stage of hunger. His legs and feet were swollen, he wasn't getting enough protein. When the doctor pressed a finger into the skin of his feet, the indentation lingered.

Around 2.9 million women and children are acutely malnourished; another 400,000 children are fighting for their lives, in the same condition as Mizrah.

Nearly a third of Yemen's population—8.4 million of its 29 million people—rely completely on food aid or else they would starve. That number grew by a quarter over the past year.

Aid agencies warn that parts of Yemen could soon start to see widespread death from famine. More and more people are reliant on aid that is already failing to reach people. The war, now three years old, drags on interminably between Yemen's Shiite Houthi rebels who hold the country's north, and the Saudi-led coalition, armed and backed by the United States. which has sought to bomb the rebels into submission with a relentless air campaign in support of the Yemeni government.

It is unknown how many have died, since authorities are not able to track cases. Save the Children late last year estimated that 50,000 children may have died in 2017 of extreme hunger or disease, given that up to 30 percent of children with untreated cases of severe acute malnutrition die.

"Unfortunately, now Yemen is considered to be the world's largest humanitarian emergency," said Stephen Anderson, the Yemen director of the World Food Program. Some 18 million people do not know where their next meal is coming from.

Even before the war, the Arab world's poorest nation struggled to feed itself. It is a country of deserts and mountains where only 2 to 4 percent of the land is cultivated, so almost all of its food and supplies must be imported.

The war has shattered everything that kept Yemen just above starvation. Coalition warplanes blasted hospitals, schools, farms, factories, bridges and roads. The coalition has also clamped a land-sea-and-air embargo on Houthi-controlled areas, including the Red Sea port of Hodeida, once the entry point of 70 percent of Yemen's imports. Now far less gets in as coalition ships off shore allow through only UN-inspected and approved commercial ships and aid, often with delays.

In many places there is food in the markets, but people simply can't afford it, since salaries are going unpaid, work is harder to find and the currency has collapsed in value.

Umm Mizrah and her husband, who have three young daughters in addition to Mizrah, usually eat one meal a day, often just bread and tea. The Associated Press is identifying her by the nickname she often goes by—meaning "mother of Mizrah"—to protect her privacy.

When the doctor in Aden told her malnutrition can be fatal, she trembled. The parents felt helpless. Cigarette burns were visible on the baby's belly. Desperate, the father had turned to a Yemeni folk cure called "maysam," or "branding"—using burns to expel evil spirits.

"I don't know what is right," she said quietly. "He was playful and doing fine then he started to get sick and stopped breastfeeding and playing."

The AP travelled across southern Yemen, territory held by the coalition-backed government, and visited several districts among the 107 areas nationwide that the U.N. warns are most likely to fall into outright famine.

It is a landscape of desperation.

DEATH BY STARVATION

A video filmed by a doctor shows 8-month-old Fadl in his last days of life.

The baby twitches his legs in pain. He's crying but he is so dehydrated his eyes can't produce tears. His belly is inflated as taut as a balloon. You can easily count the 12 rows of protruding ribs on his rapidly palpitating chest. His desperate parents plastered his head with black henna, a dye that is used as a folk cure.

Fadl was born in the wilderness. His mother, Fatma Halabi, was eight months pregnant when she and thousands of others fled the area around her district of Mowza as government forces descended on the Houthis.

Separated from her husband, Halabi led her four children and two goats across the Great Valley, the arid plain spilling down from the mountains toward the city of Mocha on the Red Sea.

These desolate stretches are historically a site of death. More than 400 years ago, a Muslim ruler forcibly sent almost the entire Jewish population of Yemen here for refusing to convert. Chroniclers say two thirds of them died in the heat and deprivation.

Halabi and the children hid in thorn bushes to avoid artillery and airstrikes along the shifting front line. One day in April last year, she went into labor and, alone, gave birth to Fadl under a tree. And then fainted.

Eventually, she and her husband reunited and settled in an abandoned hut in the valley.

Speaking from inside her makeshift home in February, Halabi sat with a rope cinched around her emaciated waist, her blue robe sliding off her bony shoulder.

She spoke in short, exhausted sentences. When asked what she had eaten that day, she said, "Bor," the local Arabic word for flour. "We stay patient," she said. "We have to feed the children." When she gets hungry, she lies down and tries to sleep.

Often she and her husband eat one meal in the morning, and nothing again until the next day.

Unable to breastfeed Fadl, she gave him goat or camel milk, which lack the nutrients of breast milk or formula. The newborn kept getting fever and diarrhea, so she repeatedly borrowed money to take him to the hospital in Mocha.

The hospital has seen 600 malnutrition cases over the past 10 months, but is so short on supplies it doesn't even have pain relievers for headaches, said one doctor, Abdel-Rehim Ahmed. It has no therapeutic feeding center. None of its doctors have been trained in treating malnutrition.

And Mocha is swelling with 40,000 displaced people.

Left untreated, prolonged malnutrition causes the body to lose its stock of carbohydrates, fats, and proteins. The body starts to eat itself. The brain struggles to find energy, the heart shrinks, and the skin cracks, exposing the body to infections. The kidney and the liver stop functioning properly, so toxins build up inside the body, leading to a vicious cycle of disease.

Fadl's last visit to the hospital was Nov. 29. At eight months old, he weighed 2.9 kilograms (6 pounds), a third of the normal weight. The circumference of his upper arm, a common measure for malnutrition, was 7 centimeters, less than 3 inches. That indicated severe acute malnutrition.

Unable to pay for a hospital stay, Fadl's parents took him home.

He gave his last breath not long after in the arms of his grandmother. His exhausted parents were asleep on the floor. The grandmother woke them and told them their boy was dead.

The only image of Fadl from his short life of hunger and pain is the video, taken by the head of the nutrition center. His parents don't have mobile phones or a camera.

"Sometimes I wake up in the morning and I remember he's no longer there and I start to cry," Halabi said. "Who wouldn't cry for their children?"

'LIBERATED,' AND STILL STARVING

Even in parts of Yemen that are wrested from Houthi rule, starvation persists—or gets worse.

In late February, mothers carrying babies mobbed the nutrition center at the main hospital in al-Khoukha, a little town on the Red Sea, expecting to receive monthly allotments of baby formula and nutrient supplies.

They left empty-handed.

The center ran out of supplies weeks ago. Some of the women, cloaked in black abayas, pushed and shoved feebly. But most were too weak to complain and silently shuffled away.

Al-Khoukha was taken back from the Houthis in December by coalition-backed forces marching up the coast. In rebel hands, the town had been directly connected to the Hodeida port farther north, the biggest entryway for international aid into Yemen.

Now cut off from the port, no supplies have come from the south.

"We have no vaccinations. There are shortages in medicines. The aid stopped," said Abdullah Doubala, head of al-Khoukha health department. The burden is increasing as families fleeing fighting elsewhere stream into al-Khoukha, bringing more thin and hungry children.

Doctors estimate that 40 percent of the children in the town suffer from malnutrition. Barefoot kids fill the center's corridors, many visibly emaciated, some with malaria or cholera. Some can barely stand.

Nine-month old Galila, her ribs sharply outlined, her eyes bulging in shrunken sockets, sat in the lap of her mother, Aisha.

The baby girl caught malaria and began to lose weight. Now she is all of 4.5 kilograms (9.9 pounds), compared to the average of 6 to 8 kilograms (13-17 pounds) for a 9-month-old girl.

Her mother is tiny as well, ravaged by giving up food for a family that is constantly growing.

Aisha has been giving birth each year; Galila is her 14th child. Her husband, a woodcutter, can hardly find any work. Even coming to the hospital is too expensive; if she wants to come, she has to wait for her brother, who has a motorcycle, to take her.

"I eat whatever is available or wait till next day," Aisha said. "A meal once a day."

The mothers' hunger is repeated over and over throughout the war-ravaged country.

A MOTHER'S HUNGER

It isn't just those driven from their homes who suffer.

Isolated in a mountain valley, the 450 residents of the village of Qibli are wasting away. Boys and girls running around barefoot in the dirt paths are stunted.

Most of the men here are soldiers, who haven't been paid for months, or farm laborers, who can no longer find work.

Any money they have goes in search of food. The nearest market is 13 kilometers (8 miles) away, which means paying high gas prices on top of the cost for the food itself, which have doubled over the past year.

Sitting on the floor of her home, Sherine fed her two children scraps of bread dipped in "besbas," a sauce of tomato and garlic. She took no bites herself.

Her 1-year-old daughter Amal, has been diagnosed with acute malnutrition and can no longer stand up.

The family lives largely on bread and tea. Her husband is among the ranks of unpaid soldiers. His father, a retired soldier, still gets a meager pension, but uses that to help all his children and grandchildren, a family of 16 in total.

Aid hasn't come to Qibli since 2016, according to relief volunteer Rashid al-Khoushbi. Only four families in the area were on the World Food Program lists for food aid. Most households here are considered to have a male breadwinner, making them a lower priority.

In the area's main town, al-Mallah, doctors were nowhere to be seen at the hospital. No one pays them so many staffers often don't show up.

Sitting in bed, Umm Molham was so weak she could barely lift her 13-month-old son. When the AP met her, she had been at the hospital for three days waiting for someone to examine him.

The toddler had been vomiting, coughing and suffered from diarrhea. The family can only afford to give him formula once a day. His body is emaciated, his eyes sunken, his belly

His mother sat helplessly, the baby in her lap.

"She is not breastfeeding," said her husband, Anwar Said. "She doesn't eat well and has no milk."

Umm Molham didn't say a word, even when asked questions, lost in her internal world of frailty and hunger.

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW:

Here's something you'd never expect: a Toyota Corolla with a pulse

NUTS & BOLTS

2019 COROLLA HATCHBACK

- **Base prices:** Not available
- **Engine:** Double-overhead-cam 2.0-liter four-cylinder
- **Horsepower:** 168
- **Torque:** 151 pound-feet
- **EPA fuel economy:** Not available
- **Wheelbase:** 103.9 inches
- **Length:** 169.9 inches
- **Cargo capacity:** 18 cubic feet
- **Curb weight:** 3,060 pounds

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The 2019 Corolla Hatchback's looks promise more than Toyota's usual sensible shuttle.

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Unlike automotive journalists, most people only really care about cars that last a decade without muss, fuss or bother. To them, a car is little more than a major household appliance with four tires—one that consumes vast amounts of money. So the best car is one that economically delivers an exceptionally unexceptional experience.

This is how Toyota has sold more than 44 million Toyota Corollas since 1966.

Yet emotionally, no one rewards you for having the best automotive appliance. No child ever turns to their parents and says, "Why don't you buy the boring, sensible car?" No woman ever looks at her date and says, "Darling, I love your benignly inoffensive car." And no car magazine editor applauds a vehicle that provides the emotional fulfillment of a dishwasher.

Increasingly, this notion of emotional satisfaction has gotten under the skin of Toyota executives, who seem committed to injecting their automotive appliances with a vitality that goes beyond dependability. Exhibit A: the redesigned 2018 Camry.

Which brings us to the 2019 Toyota Corolla Hatchback. It replaces the Corolla iM, previously known in the United States as the Scion iM and inexplicably called the Auris in Europe. That's a whole lot of bother for a vehicle that, until now, has been impressively mundane.

But the 2019 Corolla Hatchback's looks promise more than Toyota's usual sensible shuttle. Its face, developed from the current Corolla, looks like an evil smile, and is accented by LED headlamps that wrap into the front fenders. Out back, there are LED taillights, and chrome exhaust tips, a fitting embellishment for this all-new ride that has a pugnacious presence its predecessor never did.

That styling attitude continues inside, where Toyota has creating an inexpensive interior that's eloquent in its simplicity, yet never feels cheap or sparse. Materials impart a premium feel, and other choices just seem smart. For instance, rather than using fake metal, wood or carbon fiber trim, designers employ a simple topstitch across interior panels to break up the masses of color. The instrument panel, itself a visual symphony of gloss and matte finishes, is anchored by a high-resolution 8-inch multimedia touchscreen that resides just above the simple row of climate controls. Beneath that is open space; the center console and instrument panel don't physically connect. This lends a feeling of spaciousness, and gives the different elements a sculptural feel. Overall, the interior is not just captivating; it's one of the best on the market. That's quite a feat in this segment.

All models come with automatic climate control, leather shift knob, paddle shifters, Apple CarPlay, an electronic parking brake, six-speaker audio system, SmartKey system, automatic up/down windows, voice recognition and two front USB ports, although Toyota still doesn't offer an imbedded navigation system. An 800-watt JBL audio system is available, but didn't seem to be a huge improvement from the standard system.

The ambience is enhanced by the Corolla Hatchback's cozy interior, which seems cozier than its competition. The big issue is rear seat space, which seems meager compared to the front, although there is 18 cubic feet of cargo space. That's more room than a Toyota Avalon.

When it's time to move, you'll find Toyota's 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine to be lively. Mated to a six-speed manual or a continuously variable automatic transmission, the Corolla Hatch launches from a stop without the rubber banding typical of a CVT transmission, thanks to its special launch gear. After that, the CVT's variable gear ratios take over. The six-speed manual transmission is a welcome relief for those who prefer their cars with three pedals on the floor, not two. But its feel was disappointing. Nevertheless, this hatch was fun to lob it into a corner, even if it's benignly predictable, with the agility that comes from being so diminutive. Notably, the upper-level XSE model's 18-inch wheels impart greater road feel than the base SE's 16-inch rubber. While it's no sports car, it is a captivating one.

And its list of driver assistance features is impressive, and includes dynamic radar cruise control, pre-collision system with pedestrian detection, lane departure alert with steering assist, automatic high beam, lane tracing assist, and a system that alerts the driver about various road signs.

In the end, you'll discover that the 2019 Toyota Corolla Hatchback has a pulse. Even if it's more haute hatch than hot hatch, its special flavor stands apart from its competitors, or for that matter other dishwashers—oops—I mean Corollas.

Look for it to reach showrooms in July. ***(TNS)***

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Under the Hood: How to know if your repair shop has certified techs

Q I saw you had recommended seeking an ASE certified technician to fix a difficult problem. Can you explain what this is and how I'd know the repair shop I might choose has one? —Cynthia L.

A Good question! Some states require technician licensing for general repairs, or more typically, emissions testing. This means many auto techs nationwide are either unlicensed or choose to voluntarily become certified via the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (abbreviated to ASE).

ASE has been around since 1972 and offers 50 certifications in car/light truck, collision repair, truck repair, school and transit bus, heavy truck, engine machining, service consulting, parts, among other specialties. ASE has certified more than 300,000 technicians, with each certificate being valid for five years. The car and light truck section consists of nine service areas plus general maintenance, advanced engine performance, hybrid autos and alternate fuels. Technicians may obtain certification in one or more areas, such as brakes or transmissions, or the whole lot, granting them master status. To become certified the applicant must have a minimum of two years of shop experience (or one year of experience and two years of school) and successfully pass a comprehensive written exam in a particular service area.

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How difficult are the tests? They're as good as any multiple choice test could be; however, a book-smart automotive student with coaching and no or minimal experience can typically squeeze past them, as could an experienced tech that's fallen behind on newer technology. The best questions are the ones that require a combination of theory, diagnostic ability, repair finesse and judgment gained from experience to answer — not easy to create, or hopefully, answer! I think the L-1 advanced engine performance and L-3 light duty hybrid/electric vehicle specialist certifications are a very good measurement of a tech's ability to get the job done in all areas of a modern vehicle, as the diagnostic skills and scan tool competency he or she would have would be key to great solutions.

Is an ASE certified tech the one to choose? I agree. While no measurement of competency is perfect, this is the best thing going, and the fact that the tech goes to the trouble and expense of becoming voluntarily certified says good things about their professionalism. To fly the banner that says "We employ ASE certified professionals" means the shop has at least two techs certified in at least one service area. Better yet is an ASE "Blue Seal of Excellence" banner. This means at least 75 percent of the shop's techs are certified and each area of service is covered. It shouldn't cost more for a certified tech to fix your car, but a repair shop that takes the high road with well-trained/experienced techs, tools, and information systems will likely have a higher hourly rate than one that's just hanging in there.

If I were shelling out $180 an hour (yes, it can be that high in many places) for my car to be repaired, I'd have no problem asking, "Who will be my technician, and how are they credentialed?"

Life & Style

'Avengers: Infinity War' scores second best weekend 2 ever

LOS ANGELES (AP)—After breaking opening weekend records, "Avengers: Infinity War" continued to dominate in its second weekend in theaters, but alternative programming like the romantic comedy "Overboard" also found an audience in what has historically been considered the "official" kick-off to the summer movie season.

The Walt Disney Co. said Sunday that "Avengers: Infinity War" will gross an estimated $112.5 million from North American theaters over the weekend, becoming the second highest grossing film in weekend two behind "Star Wars: The Force Awakens'" $149.2 million and just slightly ahead of "Black Panther" ($111.7 million).

It's a 56 percent drop from its first weekend in theaters — less steep than the second weekend fall of "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (59.4 percent) or "Captain America: Civil War" (59.5 percent), but more than "Black Panther's" uniquely soft 44.7 percent sophomore weekend decline.

"We're in uncharted territory again," said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "This is a second weekend number that many films would aspire to have on opening weekend."

Globally, "Avengers: Infinity War" has now grossed over $1.2 billion and become the first film ever to cross the $1 billion mark in 11 days of release, and it has yet to even open in China.

This file image released by Marvel Studios shows, from left, Benedict Cumberbatch, Robert Downey Jr., Mark Ruffalo and Benedict Wong in a scene from "Avengers: Infinity War." AP

There was little new competition this weekend in the blockbuster space, although there were a handful of other options, like "Overboard," which came in a very distant second to "Avengers," but still made a notable splash for a film its size.

MGM and Lionsgate's Pantelion Films' gender-swapped remake of Garry Marshall's 1987 comedy, "Overboard" scored the highest-grossing opening weekend for Pantelion Films with a better-than-expected $14.8 million from 1,623 theaters. It's already surpassed its modest mid-teens production budget.

Pantelion Films CEO Paul Presburger and Jonathan Glickman, president of the Motion Picture Group at MGM, both attribute the success to the star-power of Eugenio Derbez ("Instructions Not Included," ''How to be a Latin Lover") who helped developed the bilingual remake with an American star (Anna Faris) to appeal not just to his Hispanic fan base but all audiences.

The cast, including Derbez and Eva Longoria, helped promote the film on their social media accounts too.

"It's great to have a large base especially in the wake of 'Avengers,'" Presburger said. "We have a movie out there that plays to families and all audiences that should have success into Mother's Day and onwards."

Although critics were not especially won over by "Overboard," audiences gave the film a more favorable A- CinemaScore.

Third place went to "A Quiet Place," which has grossed $159.9 million in five weeks in theaters, and fourth place to "I Feel Pretty," now up to $37.8 million in weekend three. "Rampage" rounded out the top five with $4.6 million, bumping its domestic total to $84.8 million.

In sixth place, "Tully," starring Charlize Theron, launched on 1,353 screens with $3.2 million. It's the third collaboration between director Jason Reitman and screenwriter Diablo Cody, the team behind "Juno," and their second with Theron, who also starred in their film "Young Adult."

Hollywood's summer movie season typically runs from the first weekend in May through Labor Day, but this year got a jump-start with the late April release of "Avengers: Infinity War."

"This was not the strongest weekend ever in terms of the official kick-off of the summer season, but we could be looking at a record May ultimately," Dergarabedian said, noting upcoming releases like "Deadpool 2" (May 18) and "Solo: A Star Wars Story" (May 25). "This weekend just shows how the strategy of release dates is changing how the box office plays out."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "**Avengers: Infinity War**," $112.5 million *($162.6 million international).*
2. "**Overboard**," $14.8 million.
3. "**A Quiet Place**," $7.6 million *($4.1 million international).*
4. "**I Feel Pretty**," $4.9 million *($3.2 million international).*
5. "**Rampage**," $4.6 million *($13.7 million international).*
6. "**Tully**," $3.2 million *($200,000 international).*
7. "**Black Panther**," $3.1 million *($390,000 international).*
8. "**Truth or Dare**," $1.9 million *($5.7 million international).*
9. "**Super Troopers 2**," $1.8 million *($90,000 international).*
10. "**Bad Samaritan,**" $1.8 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "**Avengers: Infinity War**," $162.6 million.
2. "**Us And Them**," $27 million.
3. "**Rampage**," $13.7 million.
4. "**A or B**," $11.1 million.
5. "**Baahubali: The Conclusion**," $7.9 million.
6. "**Ready Player One**," $6.3 million.
7. "**Truth or Dare**," $5.7 million.
8. "**Champion**," $5.5 million.
9. "**102 Not Out**," $3.4 million.
10. "**I Feel Pretty**," $3.2 million.

New way to see art? Paris museum welcomes naked visitors

PARIS (AP)—Visitors at a leading contemporary art museum in Paris didn't leave only their coats in the cloakroom—they left all their clothes.

The Palais du Tokyo museum opened its doors to nudists for a special visit Saturday. It's part of growing efforts by France's tiny nudist community to encourage acceptance of clothes-free activities, after a nudist restaurant and nudist park opened in the French capital.

The museum visit was arranged before regular opening hours so the nudists wouldn't mingle with other visitors. They viewed an exhibit of contemporary works focused on "Discord."

Organizers said they are hoping to attract younger members and get rid of "complexes" around their nudist practices, which they don't wanted "limited to beaches, summertime or a certain category of the population."

Nudists pose as they visit a contemporary art exhibition at the Palais de Tokyo museum in Paris Saturday, May 5, 2018. AP

Olivia de Havilland asks court to revive "Feud" lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Olivia de Havilland has asked the California Supreme Court to revive her lawsuit against the FX Networks show "Feud: Bette and Joan."

Lawyers for the 101-year-old actress filed the appeal Friday, asking the court to reverse an appeals court decision in March that threw out the suit.

De Havilland objected to her depiction on the show, saying her likeness was illegally used and her character, played by Catherine Zeta-Jones, came across as a vulgar gossipmonger.

The appeals court ruled that creators' First Amendment rights trump de Havilland's objections.

"Feud" creator Ryan Murphy said after the decision that it was a victory for the creative community.

De Havilland's lawyer says in a statement Friday that the rejection of the lawsuit "puts everyone at the mercy of the media and entertainment industry."

Is Cannes ready to adapt to the age of #MeToo?

By JAKE COYLE
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The experience of watching a few dozen or more films inside two weeks at the Cannes Film Festival can be jarring, exhilarating and exhausting—even for those who live and breathe cinema.

Jessica Chastain, an actress and regular attendee of the French Riviera festival, last year reflected on her time spent on the Cannes jury shortly after they selected Ruben Ostlund's "The Square" as the Palme d'Or winner. She was both overwhelmed and disappointed.

"This is the first time I've watched 20 films in 10 days, and I love movies," said Chastain. "The one thing I really took from this experience is how the world views women, from the female characters that I saw represented. And it was quite disturbing to me, to be honest."

On the cusp of the 71st Cannes, which begins Tuesday with the premiere of Asghar Farhadi's "Everybody Knows," with Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem, Chastain's piercing criticism still hovers over a festival that finds itself, unlike it has in decades, in tumult.

This year's selections, including three female directors among the 21 Palme contenders, have done little to quell pleas by Chastain and others for more female storytellers at the world's most prestigious film festival. Questions of gender equality are especially pointed at Cannes, which for the last 20 years had been a seaside playground for Harvey Weinstein, long one of the festival's most ubiquitous operators. Cannes remains perhaps the most supreme and heightened realm of moviedom, but its rarified stature has been increasingly challenged by both the era of #MeToo and the age of Netflix.

"There have been seismic, tectonic changes in the industry that are still unfolding," says producer Simon Chinn, who will be premiering the Whitney Houston documentary "Whitney"—"a corrective to the tabloid story," he says, and shopping a documentary on Weinstein titled "Citizen Weinstein." ''This will be a very different Cannes without Weinstein."

Festival director Thierry Fremaux, who called the Weinstein revelations an "earthquake" for Cannes, has promised this year heralds "a great renewal." He has stocked the competition lineup with eight first timers. He has banned selfies from the red carpet, irritated by their interruption to the highly orchestrated, star-studded procession on the most famous red carpet next to the Oscars. He has, after a public scuffle, accepted the absence of Netflix films from the festival after being unable to secure theatrical releases for its entries. And he has brought "Star Wars" back to Cannes for the megawatt premiere of "Solo: A Star Wars Story."

Cannes, a feverish pageant of celebrity and cinema, is trying to both rigorously guard tradition and adapt to fast-changing times. The festival this year even altered its sacred schedule to eliminate morning press screenings ahead of premieres—a strategic switch intended to blunt the effect of press-corps boos marring film premieres, a practice that had emerged as a kind of blood sport at Cannes.

Yet some say it's not enough for Cannes to change its clocks. Critics says the festival has lagged in gender equality (only one female director, Jane Campion, has won the Palme; in 2015 a minor scandal erupted when women not wearing heels were denied entry to a premiere), and that Cannes is overly in the thrall of male auteurs.

Cannes has regularly been home to Roman Polanski (he premiered his "Based on a True Story" at Cannes last year), even while other institutions—like the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences—have distanced themselves from the director. This year, Cannes welcomed back Danish director Lars von Trier, who's premiering his "The House That Jack Built"," starring Matt Dillon and Uma Thurman. Von Trier, who was declared "persona non grata" at the festival in 2011 after making sympathetic comments about Nazis, was last fall accused by Bjork of sexual harassing her on the set of "Dancer in the Dark," a charge von Trier denied.

This year's jury is headed by Cate Blanchett, an outspoken member of the Time's Up movement. Her jury of nine includes Ava DuVernay, Kristen Stewart, Lea Seydoux and Burundian singer Khadja Nin. Among the films vying for the Palme are Spike Lee's "BlacKkKlansman," Pawel Pawlikowski's "Cold War," Nuri Bilge Ceylan's "The Wild Pear Tree" and David Robert Mitchell's "Under the Silver Lake," with Andrew Garfield.

Also in the mix: "Happy as Lazzaro" by Italian Alice Rohrwacher; "Girls of the Sun," by French director Eva Husson; and "Capernaum," by Lebanese filmmaker Nadine Labaki. Asked if she was proud to be one of the three women in competition, Labaki replies: "I'm proud but I'm proud to be there, full stop."

"This is recognition for my work as a filmmaker, not for my work as a female filmmaker," says Labaki. "For me, I don't think that the choice should be made because of that. It has been irritating to me to think that I'm in Cannes because I'm a woman filmmaker and that now, with everything that's happening, the world has decided to put females in the spotlight."

Labaki, one of Lebanon's most famed filmmakers whose "Where Do We Go Now?" played in Cannes' Un Certain Regard section, has spent the last two years making "Capernaum," a realistic rendering of the lives of Syrian migrant children, with nonprofessional actors playing version of themselves. The experience, which will culminate with the film's migrant cast walking the red carpet, has been life-changing, says Labaki.

Many other films at Cannes, which runs through May 19, will put a spotlight on injustices from around the world. Two filmmakers in competition—Iran's Jafar Panahi and Russia's Kirill Serebrennikov—are living under house arrest in their home countries. Chastain, while not connected with any film playing at the festival this year, will in a way still be influencing the conversation. One of the hottest properties on the Cannes market is a female-led spy film "355," to star Chastain, Marion Cotillard, Penelope Cruz, Fan Bingbing and Lupita Nyong'o.

For even veterans of Cannes, this year will look and feel different.

In this May 2, 2018 photograph provided by Kensington Palace, Britain's Princess Charlotte cuddles her brother Prince Louis, on her third birthday, at Kensington Palace, in London. AP

First days at home: William, Kate share Prince Louis photos

LONDON (AP)—Two pictures have been released documenting the early days of Britain's newest prince—and one shows Prince Louis being cuddled by three-year-old big sister Princess Charlotte.

One of the photos was snapped when Louis was just three days old. He was born April 23 and went home the same day.

The two snapshots were released by Prince William and his wife Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, and were taken by Kate at their home in Kensington Palace. Big brother Prince George, 4, is not in the photos. A palace statement said Sunday that William and the duchess are "very pleased" to share the photos.

It said the royal couple want to thank the public for "all of the kind messages" received since Louis' birth.

R. Kelly's team disavows statement released

NEW YORK (AP)—R. Kelly's management says a statement sent out on his behalf wasn't authorized by his team.

An early Friday-morning email sent by Katie Thompson on behalf of R. Kelly Tours claimed the media was trying to distort and destroy his legacy by reporting allegations that he sexually mistreats women and said the singer was "heartbroken" over it.

However, management disavowed that statement to The Associated Press on Friday. Thompson's relationship to the singer is unclear, and management acknowledged she may work for the singer.

There have been numerous reports detailing allegations that Kelly sexually abused women over the years. He was acquitted of child pornography charges in 2008.

Earlier this week, the organization Time's Up joined the social media movement known as #MuteRKelly demanding an investigation into his behavior. It also called on the recording industry to consider severing ties to him.

Andrew Lloyd Webber weighs in on Tony Awards favorite

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Andrew Lloyd Webber has written some of the most successful stage musicals of all time. So, when he weighs in on the year's Tony contenders, announced earlier this week, it's time to listen.

"I'm very interested that 'The Band's Visit' has been celebrated," commented the composer of the best-musical winners "Cats," ''The Phantom of the Opera" and "Sunset Boulevard."

"The Band's Visit," from composer David Yazbek, is based on an Israeli film about an Egyptian police band lost in a small Israeli town. The musical this week was among year's top Tony nominees.

"I found it very exciting," Lloyd Webber said Thursday. "I loved the score. I hope that does well." The six-time Tony winner said he's seen all the shows on Broadway: "It's an intriguing season."

Lloyd Webber himself is part of the latest Tonys mix. He and actress Chita Rivera each will receive 2018 awards for Lifetime Achievement.

Lloyd Webber was at the Hollywood Pantages theater this week to promote the Los Angeles premiere of his Broadway and London hit "School of Rock—The Musical," based on the 2003 movie that starred Jack Black as a down-and-out musician who stumbles into a gig as a prep-school teacher.

Lloyd Webber said he originally only planned to produce the project, but found the show's pop-rock sensibility so appealing that he ended up as the show's composer.

The contemporary style is different from the classic Broadway bombast of Lloyd Webber's "Evita," ''Phantom" and "Boulevard." But, Lloyd Webber reminded, his Broadway debut was the rock-opera smash "Jesus Christ Superstar."

"I think it's that so many of my musicals have hung around for such a long time, that people maybe forget," he said. "But I enjoy writing in many different ways and styles."

Stormy Daniels to Baldwin's Trump: 'Storm's a coming, baby'

NEW YORK (AP)—Stormy Daniels made a surprise appearance on "Saturday Night Live" to deliver a message to President Donald Trump: "A storm's a coming, baby."

The porn actress, who says she had a sexual encounter with Trump in 2006 and was paid $130,000 the month before he was elected to stay silent about it, delivered the warning to Alec Baldwin's Donald Trump in the show's opening skit.

When the fake Trump asks Daniels what she would need to "for this all go away," she replies: "A resignation."

Daniels, whose legal name is Stephanie Clifford, is seeking to be released from the nondisclosure agreement. She has also filed defamation suits against Trump and his personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, who paid her the money.

Trump denies he and Daniels had an affair and has said he didn't know about the settlement.

AP

This image released by NBC shows adult film actress Stormy Daniels during an appearance on "Saturday Night Live" in New York on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Giraffe kills filmmaker at wildlife facility in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — A giraffe has killed a South African filmmaker who was on assignment at a wildlife facility northwest of Johannesburg.

Filming agency CallaCrew says Carlos Carvalho was filming a feature on Wednesday at the Glen Afric farm in Broederstroom when he "had a fatal run-in with a giraffe on set."

The agency says Carvalho was flown to a Johannesburg hospital and died there of injuries that night.

South African media say Carvalho was near the giraffe when it swung its neck and knocked him over.

The Glen Afric website promises tourists that "you can get up close and personal to a number of our resident wildlife."

The British television series "Wild at Heart" was filmed at Glen Afric, which invites visitors to tour the area where filming occurred.

'Star Trek' actor George Takei to speak at Boston library

BOSTON (AP)—"Star Trek" actor George Takei (tuh-KAY') is scheduled to speak at the Boston Public Library.

Takei on Tuesday is set to discuss his experience during World War II spent in U.S. internment camps for Japanese-Americans.

Takei used his family's story as the inspiration for the Broadway musical "Allegiance."

The show tells the narrative of the fictional Kimura family, whose lives are upended when they and 120,000 other Japanese-Americans are forced to leave their homes following the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The cast of the SpeakEasy Stage Company's production of Takei's musical also will perform during the event at the library's main branch at Copley (KAHP'-lee) Square.

AP

In this Saturday, July 1, 2017, file photo, actor George Takei introduces Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti at a swearing-in ceremony at Los Angeles City Hall.

Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis after individuals with tickets are seated.

BBC's Andrew Marr to have surgery for malignant tumor

LONDON (AP)—Prominent BBC broadcaster Andrew Marr plans to have surgery to remove a malignant tumor on his kidney.

Marr, 58, told viewers of his Sunday show that he will be off-the-air for "a couple of weeks or so" while he recovers. His agent says Marr is expected to make a full recovery and return to his show soon.

The surgery comes five years after Marr suffered a severe stroke. He was hospitalized for two months and needed extensive physiotherapy to recover his mobility.

He has for many years hosted a popular Sunday morning show that features political guests.

Shatner addresses graduates, talks about change

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—William Shatner has boldly gone where he has never gone before: the graduation ceremony at the New England Institute of Technology.

The 87-year-old actor best known for his portrayal of Capt. James T. Kirk on the original "Star Trek" TV series delivered the commencement address at the school in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, on Sunday and received an honorary Doctor of Humane letters from the college.

Graduating student Troy Gaston, 24, of Old Lyme, Connecticut, said Shatner talked about how "developments in technology are being accomplished by students just like us." Gaston continued, "It actually made me want to think about being an engineer to be honest."

Gaston graduated with an Associate's Degree in Advanced Automotive Technology and High Performance and plans to work toward bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering. "I want to make an honest contribution to the world," Gaston said, explaining that he was "inspired," by Shatner.

Shatner also starred in the TV show "T.J. Hooker" and won Emmys and a Golden Globe for his work in "The Practice" and "Boston Legal."

The ceremony took place at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence.

Nearly 1,200 students received degrees. The school said many graduates are the first in their family to attend college.

Couple disagrees on etiquette of curating their bathroom art

DEAR ABBY: I'm a married woman in my 30s. My husband and I own a home, which I have decorated to our taste with the exception of "my" bathroom. My husband and I use separate bathrooms. Mine is the one on the main floor, which is also used by our guests.

A few months ago, I purchased a large piece of art to hang in my bathroom. Admittedly, it is a bit provocative, but I don't consider it to be over the top. My husband said he didn't care that I hung it, but when his father came to visit recently, he took it down and hid it. I didn't say anything, but I now feel he is embarrassed by my taste.

I'm hosting a couples baby shower in a few weeks, and one of the guests is very religious. My husband suggests I hang the artwork somewhere else or hide it for the party. I don't feel I should have to redecorate a room in my own home. Am I being unreasonable, or should I find a less provocative piece of art to hang for our more conservative guests?

FINE ART LOVER

DEAR FINE ART LOVER: While your home is your castle, surely you want your friends and family to be comfortable in it while they visit you.

Years ago, I bought an original work of art by Patrick Oliphant titled "Naked Nixon," which I hung over the toilet in my powder room. While entertaining guests I knew were politically conservative, I switched it out for a print of long-stemmed flowers. If you know there's a possibility someone will be offended while using a room that's a "necessity," the polite thing to do would be to listen to your husband.

DEAR ABBY: We invited friends over for dinner. Because they have toddlers who like to eat early, we started meal preparations accordingly. One hour before they were to arrive, the wife canceled because her daughter was "cranky." She said she wanted to reschedule for two days later. Since the food was already prepared, we now have leftovers that will last for days.

I don't want to go shopping again because I feel like she already stood us up, and I know she can't host us for now because she lives with her parents. What's proper notice when canceling a dinner date? How should we as hosts handle her request to come over a different day, especially so close to the event?

MIFFED AFTER DINNER

DEAR MIFFED: Because she lives with her parents, your guest could have left her cranky daughter with "Nana" and "Poppy." Barring illness, the "proper" time to cancel would have been before you bought groceries for the dinner. However, with small children, things do happen, so be forgiving. Because she's a good friend, put the food you prepared in the fridge for two days and serve it when she shows up. (It may taste better after the flavors meld.)

READER ALERT! If you know a student who would like to enter the $5,000 Dear Abby College Columnist Scholarship contest, see the information on DearAbby.com and learn more. The deadline is fast approaching.

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DEAR ABBY

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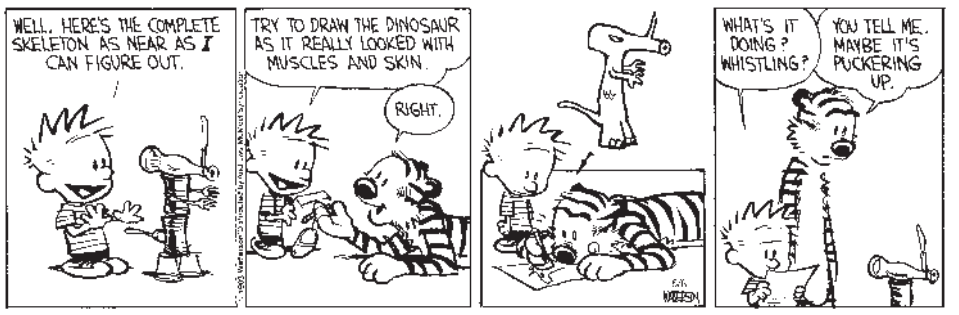
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

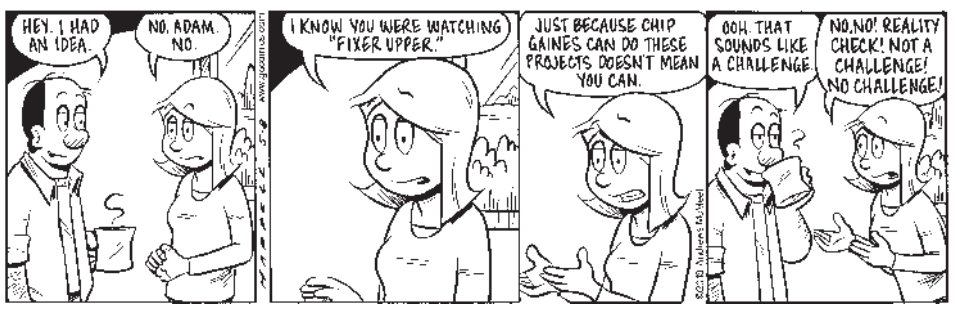

WELL, HERE'S THE COMPLETE SKELETON. AS NEAR AS I CAN FIGURE OUT.
TRY TO DRAW THE DINOSAUR AS IT REALLY LOOKED WITH MUSCLES AND SKIN.
RIGHT.
WHAT'S IT DOING? WHISTLING?
YOU TELL ME. MAYBE IT'S PUCKERING UP.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


HEY. I HAD AN IDEA.
NO. ADAM. NO.
I KNOW YOU WERE WATCHING "FIXER UPPER."
JUST BECAUSE CHIP GAINES CAN DO THESE PROJECTS DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN.
OOH. THAT SOUNDS LIKE A CHALLENGE
NO,NO! REALITY CHECK! NOT A CHALLENGE! NO CHALLENGE!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

IS THAT THE NEW CEREAL?
YEAH...
IS IT GOOD?
WELL, EACH SERVING CONTAINS LESS THAN HALF THE SUGAR AS BEFORE AND JUST AS MUCH FLAVOR.
HOW DO THEY DO THAT?
THEY INCREASED THE SERVING SIZE TO AN ENTIRE BOX.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Vacationing
5 Society newbie
8 Blind part
12 "Arrivederci —"
13 Vichy water
14 Dash gauge
15 Value of some opinions?
17 Arsenal supply
18 Day divs.
19 Disposition
21 Trattoria offering
24 Bath bar
25 911 responders
26 Highly rated
30 Demure
31 Oyster's prize
32 Outback bird
33 Beer buys
35 Trudge
36 Sacred chests
37 Like poor losers
38 Dadaist Duchamp
41 Play a part
42 Jai —
43 Octogenarian's decade
48 Hairdo
49 Army address
50 Sicilian spouter
51 Screen star Lamarr
52 "Chandelier" singer
53 Fork option

DOWN

1 Illustrations
2 Dazzle
3 I love (Lat.)
4 Luxury boats
5 Cozy rooms
6 Chow down
7 Motor coach excursions
8 Postage
9 Genie's home
10 Summit
11 Thunder god
16 Epoch
20 British noble
21 Chest muscles, briefly
22 Mine, in Marseille
23 Charon's river
24 Saturates
26 Inept
27 Snitch
28 Out of control
29 Former NYC mayor Giuliani
31 Use a fruit knife
34 Make calm
35 Golf club choice
37 Learning ctr.
38 Jet speed measure
39 Lotion additive
40 Incursion
41 Taj Mahal city
44 Sundial numeral
45 "Am — blame?"
46 Disney deer
47 Melancholy

Solution time: 22 mins.

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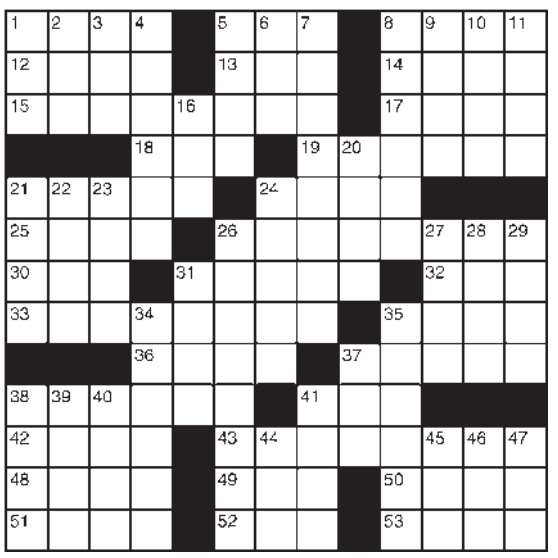
Yesterday's answer 5-8



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Happy Birthday: Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. Work relentlessly; you will not be disappointed. Learn from the best, and use past experience to help you succeed. Turn this into a year of accomplishment. Go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure you reach the goals you set. Greater stability will be yours. Your numbers are 9, 12, 24, 26, 33, 39, 47.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Speak up. Offer solutions and do what you can to help, but don't let anyone take advantage of your generosity. Keep your distance from anyone looking for a fight or showing signs of instability. Choose to work alongside compatible individuals. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Refuse to let an emotional situation interfere with your work. Take care of business first, and don't share your personal problems with anyone you work with. Make your intentions clear and your skill and input unprecedented. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Forget about taking care of everyone else. You deserve a break, and you should be putting yourself first for a change. Concentrate on making physical changes that will boost your morale. Take a moment to relax with someone you love. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Lighten up and do something you really enjoy. Refuse to let anyone put demands on you or your time. If someone makes a fuss, you should keep your distance. A spa day is favored. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Strive to maintain balance, integrity and structure. You will outmaneuver anyone or anything that gets in your way. Know your strengths and weaknesses and incorporate moderation into your plans. A romantic gesture will improve your personal life. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Stick to your script if you want to stay out of trouble. Know your intention and move forward knowing you will reach your destination. Prospects look good, and being in the right place at the right time is doable. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Travel, educational pursuits and expanding your skills will all come into play if you engage in networking functions or gatherings that will help bring about much-needed change. Speak up, even if you face someone who disagrees with you. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Partnerships will need extra care. Be mindful and listen to what others have to say. You might not agree, but understanding will help you find a solution that will benefit everyone. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Trust and love go hand in hand. If something doesn't sound accurate, ask questions. Getting to the bottom of a situation involving a friend, family member or your lover will be necessary to put a stop to an ongoing problem. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Don't expect personal matters to run smoothly. Take care of business concerns first. You can address domestic or relationship problems when you have had time to put yourself in someone else's shoes. Choose peace and love. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Keep a level head when dealing with someone who tends to be possessive or indulgent. Know when to say no, and you'll avoid a situation that could get you into trouble. Focus on personal health, growth and happiness. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Be honest about what you can do or how you feel. If you lead someone on or make a promise you don't want to keep, you will end up stressing over how to turn things around. Take better care of your health. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, imaginative and outgoing. You are possessive and industrious. *(To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit Eugenialast.com, or join Eugenia on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.)*

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 5/08

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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3	2	7	8	6	9	1	5	4
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5	4	9	2	7	3	6	8	1
2	8	1	4	5	6	9	7	3

Difficulty Level ★ 5/01

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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Summary of Responsibilities
Prioritize, directs and coordinates the activities of the restaurant to continually strengthen its Brand position and maximize its sales and profitability.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Achieves management staffing and development goals to plan
  - Has active succession plan in place for all positions
  - Improves employee morale through monitoring and showing urgency in caring for employees.
  - Improves staff performance through frequent personal and team coaching
  - Reduces incidences and claims by making safety everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financials:
  - Achieves sales and profit targets to plan
  - Corrects daily financial deficiencies with urgency.
  - Drives year-over-year growth in sales and profit
- Operations:
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Corrects all asset deficiencies with urgency
  - Eliminates any potential for liability with urgency
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 50 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Skills
- Analytical: Able to analyze reports and correct deficient areas efficiently.
- Problem Solving: Able to implement TOSIDPAR problem solving techniques to achieve desired results.
- Organization & Planning: Able to organize priorities and develop/execute plans achieving desired results.
- Coaching: Able to develop the skills of subordinates to perform at a higher level
- Team Building: Able to stabilize staffing and build team bench.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred and one year restaurant supervisory experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Assistant General Manager (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 40-45 hours per week

Summary of Responsibilities
The Assistant General Manager reports directly to the General Manager. The AGM assists the GM in the achievement of the people, financial and operational goals of the restaurant.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Assists GM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists GM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists GM in achieving sales and profits to plan.
  - Displays urgency to correct daily financial control deficiencies
  - Strives to drive year-upon-year growth in sales and profits
- Operations
  - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Ensures facilities are maintained to franchise standard on a daily basis
  - Displays awareness of asset deficiencies and urgency to correct them
  - Displays awareness and urgency to eliminate any potential for liability
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 40 - 45 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred and one year restaurant supervisory experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Shift Leader (2)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week

Summary of Responsibilities
The Shift Leader reports directly to the General Manager. The SL assists the GM in the achievement of the restaurant's people, operational and financial goals.

Essential Accountabilities
- People
  - Assists GM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists GM in monitoring/improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance to all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists GM in achieving sales and profits to plan
  - Displays urgency in correcting daily financial control deficiencies
- Operations
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred and one year restaurant supervisory experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Dough Scaler & Mixer (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week, 6 days per week, 7am - 2pm

Summary of Responsibilities
Prepares the pizza dough every morning to use throughout the day.

Essential Functions
- Responsible fo dough preparedness as prescribed from manager In Charge
- Complies with all portioning, quality standards, rules, policies, and safety procedures
- Selects and transports raw items to work are and back. Stores finished products in proper places
- Selects proper equipment and utensils to prepare as procedure require – dough mixer, whips, pitcher, proofer, bun-o-matic, retarder and dough roller.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Must be able to work the opening shift. Able to understand and implement written and verbal instructions. Must possess basic math skills.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred and previous bakery experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for minimum periods minimum of four hours. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday. Must be able to bend and stoop occasionally. Must be able to occasionally lift 40 lbs. Must have sensory capabilities to select quality of sauce. Must have finger dexterity to use some utensil tools.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

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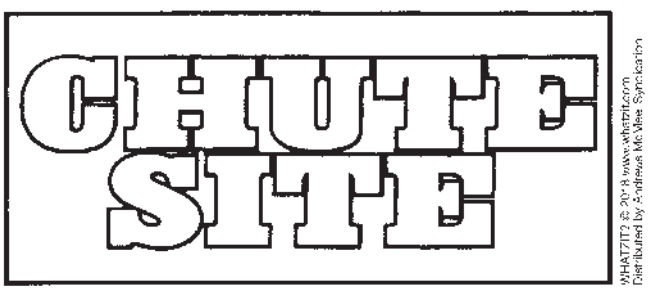

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Day holds on, rules Wells Fargo Championship

AP
Jason Day reacts after playing partner Nick Watney's birdie putt on 18 at the Wells Fargo Championship golf tournament at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, May 6, 2018.

CHARLOTTE, N.C (AP)—Jason Day fought through some wayward tee shots and his own self-doubt to shoot a 2-under 69 on Sunday and win the Wells Fargo Championship by two strokes over Aaron Wise and Nick Watney, his second victory of the season.

After squandering a three-shot lead on the back nine, Day's tee shot on the difficult 230-yard par-3 17th hole crashed into the pin and settled less than three feet away. He made the putt to take a two-shot lead, becoming the only player to birdie the hole in the final round.

Day finished at 12-under 272.

"One of the best wins I have ever had," said Day, who never felt on top of his game on Sunday.

He missed more than half the fairways—including an ugly hook into the water on the par-4 14th—hit just eight greens in regulation and made four bogeys on the day. But he toughed it out on the final three holes at Quail Hollow nicknamed the "Green Mile," playing them in 2 under.

"You play sit there and play mental games with yourself, subconsciously saying, 'You can't do this. You're going to fail, you're going to fail,'" Day said. "I just kept on saying to myself, 'Forget about it and keep pushing.'"

Day fell back into a tie with Wise after back-to-back bogeys on 13 and 14, but regained the lead by draining a 10-foot birdie putt on the par-4 16th. That set up the shot of the tournament on the 17th, a hole with water short, left and long of the green that gave players fits all day because the putting surface was so firm that it was tough to stop the ball.

Day caught his break when the ball bounced four times and hit the flagstick, drawing a huge roar from the crowd.

Day, who has had troubles with the closing hole in the past, then hit an iron off the 18th tee, knowing he had a two-shot lead. He got up-and-down from the rough right of the green to finish with a par.

It was the Day's 12th career win on the PGA TOUR. The former world No. 1 also won the Farmers Insurance Open earlier this year after a winless 2017.

The 21-year-old Wise had the best finish of his career. He was alone in second before Watney drained a 59-foot putt on the 18th. Day pumped his fist and cheered on his playing partner before he rolled in the winning putt.

If Day was expecting a challenge from some of the other high-profile players in the field, it never came.

Phil Mickelson opened with two bogeys, failing to capitalize on the momentum from his third-round 64. Mickelson started firing at flags and made six birdies, but finished five shots back after a 69.

Rory McIlroy concluded an up-and-down week with a 71 to finish at 3 under. Rickie Fowler and Justin Thomas were one shot behind him.

Tiger Woods was a non-factor, shooting 74 to finish 14 shots back. He failed to make a birdie in the final round of a tournament for the first time since 2014.

"I didn't putt well again," Woods said. "The chances I did have, I missed them all. Just a bad week."

Woods, Mickelson and Fowler will play the first two rounds together at The Players Championship next week

Torres hits walk-off homer as Yanks win again

NEW YORK (AP)—Gleyber Torres became the youngest Yankees player to hit a walk-off homer, a three-run shot in the ninth inning that gave New York a 7-4 win over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday for its 15th victory in 16 games.

At 21 years and 144 days, bettered Mickey Mantle, who was 21 years and 185 days when he hit three-run, ninth-inning drive of Boston's Ellis Kinder in a 6-3 win on April 23, 1953.

Aaron Hicks and Neil Walker, who began the day batting .182, opened the ninth with consecutive doubles to tie it, chasing Allen (2-1). One out later, pinch-hitter Giancarlo Stanton was intentionally walked and Torres drove a full-count pitch from Dan Otero over the centerfield fence.

Angels 8, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Shohei Ohtani returned from a sprained ankle and took a shutout into the seventh inning while outpitching Felix Hernandez, Mike Trout hit his 12th home run and the Angels beat the Mariners.

Ohtani (3-1) made his first start on the mound since April 24. The two-way Japanese star looked to be completely in rhythm and showed no effects, striking out six.

Diamondbacks 3, Astros 1

In Phoenix, Matt Koch outpitched Justin Verlander to become the first pitcher to beat MVPs in consecutive starts in at least 71 years, lifting the Diamondbacks to a victory over the Astros.

Blue Jays 2, Rays 1

In St. Petersburg, Kevin Pillar scored the tiebreaking run on Alex Colome's wild pitch in the ninth inning, and the Blue Jays beat the Rays to stop a three-game losing streak.

Blue Jays shortstop Aledmys Diaz was carted off the field in the fifth inning after spraining his left ankle.

Twins 5, White Sox 3

In Chicago, James Shields pitched a no-hitter into the seventh inning before the Twins rallied late for a victory over the White Sox.

With the Twins trailing 2-0, Eduardo Escobar broke up the no-hitter with a one-out single in the seventh.

Royals 4, Tigers 2

In Kansas City, the Royals won a series for the first time in 11 tries this season, beating the Tigers as Mike Moustakas drove in three runs with a double and sacrifice fly.

Kansas City took three of four from the Tigers. The Royals had lost nine previous series this year and split one.

Red Sox 6, Rangers 1

In Arlington, Chris Sale struck out 12, J.D. Martinez homered again and the Red Sox beat the Rangers to maintain their AL East lead heading into a highly anticipated showdown at Yankee Stadium.

The Red Sox hold a major league-best 25-9 record and a one-game lead over the Yankees.

Rockies 3, Mets 2

In New York, Ian Desmond hit a pair of solo homers, including a tiebreaking drive in the eighth inning that sent the Rockies over the sagging Mets for their season-high fifth straight win.

The Mets finished an 0-6 homestand, getting swept by Atlanta and Colorado.

Giants 4, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Andrew Suarez outpitched Mike Soroka in a rookie matchup, and San Francisco survived Atlanta's ninth-inning rally for a win and the Giants' first series sweep of the Braves in four years.

Suarez (1-1) allowed only one unearned run and seven hits and one walk in 5 1/3 innings.

Nationals 5, Phillies 4

In Washington, Max Scherzer struck out 15 in only 6 1/3 innings, and the Nationals then rallied for two runs in the ninth to beat the Phillies.

Scherzer and Phillies starter Jake Arrieta kept things close into the late innings before both bullpens faltered.

Pirates 9, Brewers 0

In Milwaukee, Chad Kuhl and Richard Rodrguez combined on a two-hitter, leading the Pirates over the Brewers.

Adam Frazier, Jordy Mercer and Josh Bell hit solo homers for the Pirates.

Kuhl (4-2) allowed one hit in seven innings.

Athletics 2, Orioles 1

In Oakland, Andrew Triggs allowed two hits over seven innings, Khris Davis and Matt Olson drove in runs and the Athletics rallied to beat Baltimore and extend the Orioles' losing streak to six games.

Triggs (3-1) struck out nine and retired his last 12 batters.

Padres 3, Dodgers 0

In Monterrey, Eric Hosmer hit a go-ahead, two-run homer for the second straight day, rookie Eric Lauer got his first major league win and the Padres beat the Dodgers to take two of three in MLB's first regular-season series in Mexico since 1999.

Marlins 8, Reds 5

In Cincinnati, Starlin Castro drove in three runs for the second straight game, Cameron Maybin added two hits and two RBI and the Marlins won their fourth straight series, holding on against the Reds.

Zidane plays down Ronaldo injury in Barcelona game

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Cristiano Ronaldo was substituted because of a leg injury at halftime in Real Madrid's 2-2 draw at Barcelona on Sunday.

But Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane is confident that Ronaldo will play against Liverpool in the Champions League final on May 26.

"He doesn't feel good now, but I don't think it is anything serious," Zidane said. "We will have him ready (to play)."

Ronaldo's right ankle was hurt when Gerard Pique stepped on it while unsuccessfully trying to stop him from scoring an equalizer in the 15th minute.

Ronaldo was briefly attended by team doctors on the pitch and then continued to play for the rest of the first half.

The Portugal forward, however, was replaced by Marco Asensio at halftime.

Ronaldo will then join Portugal at the World Cup next month.

Meanwhile, Barcelona stayed unbeaten through 35 league matches this season and extended its record run to 42 consecutive games without a loss.

Barcelona has three matches left to become the first team to go unbeaten in the competition since the 1930s, when it consisted of 10 teams compared to 20 now.

"Our quest continues to finish the league without a loss," said Andres Iniesta, who played his 38th and final game against Madrid before he leaves the club after 16 seasons this summer.

Even though nothing was at stake, both teams played with all the emotion of a final.

While Madrid played its best after Suarez briefly put Barcelona ahead, Barcelona regrouped after Roberto was sent off.

Durant scores 38, Warriors take 3-1 lead vs Pelicans

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Kevin Durant made his approach to taking over a pivotal NBA playoff game sound so simple -- and look that way, too.

"I just try to tell myself that I'm at my best when I don't care what happens after the game, the outcome or anything," Durant said. "That's when I'm free and having fun out there, and forceful. That was thing -- just try to play with force no matter if I missed shots or not, just keep shooting, keep being aggressive."

Durant scored Golden State's first two baskets on pull-up jumpers of 21 and 15 feet before a minute-and-a-half had elapsed in Game 4 of the Warriors' Western Conference semifinal series against New Orleans on Sunday. He finished with 38 points on 15-of-27 shooting to go with nine rebounds, and Golden State soundly defeated the Pelicans 118-92 to take a commanding 3-1 series lead back to the West Coast.

Warriors guard Stephen Curry said it was apparent early that getting the ball to Durant would be wise.

"Just find ways to get him in scoring positions," Curry said. "Sometimes, that's not really hard to do—just throw it to him.

"Just keep the game simple at that point because he's such a great scorer, you don't have to really overthink things."

The Warriors lost by 19 in Game 3 Friday and the Pelicans were looking to even the series. Instead, the Warriors responded with a resounding effort that produced a wire-to-wire win with leads as large as 26 points. Curry scored 23, Klay Thompson added 13 and Quinn Cook, who was a Pelicans reserve earlier this season, contributed 12 points.

Anthony Davis had 26 points and 12 rebounds for New Orleans, but the Pelicans hit only 36 percent (32 of 88) of their shots, missing 22 of 26 3-point attempts.

Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry said Golden State's defense "had a lot to do with" the Pelicans' poor shooting.

"We didn't have the looks we normally have," he said. "We pressed a little bit when we got behind."

E'Twaun Moore scored 20 and Jrue Holiday 19, but New Orleans reserves combined for just 14 points after scoring 32 two nights earlier. Rajon Rondo finished with 11 rebounds but had only six assists after racking up 21 in Game 3. The Pelicans also committed 19 turnovers, which led 21 Warriors points.

"We missed a lot of easy shots, a couple game-plan discipline mistakes early on and they came out on fire," Davis said. "We just can't afford to shoot that poorly.

"But we've got another one," Davis added. "Any time we've been punched in the mouth, we've always responded very well."

Rockets 100, Jazz 87

In Salt Lake City, Chris Paul says that mid-range jumpers are like layups for him.

The Houston Rockets have emphasized dunks and 3-pointers in becoming one of the NBA's most efficient offenses but Paul's in-between jumpers proved to be the difference when the long-range shots weren't falling.

"I wasn't joking about that," Paul said of his layup comment. "If (Rudy) Gobert's going to back, that's what I'm going to shoot."

Paul had 27 points and 12 rebounds while James Harden scored 24 points to power the Houston Rockets over the Utah Jazz, taking a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series.

"It showed a lot of grit for us to come in here and win two games," Paul said.

Paul, playing the sidekick to Harden for most of his first season in Houston, took center stage, controlling the tempo and getting to his favorite spots as the Rockets led from start to finish.

"Chris is shooting those shots like a layup," Harden said. "He was extremely aggressive tonight, which we need from him."

Donovan Mitchell scored 25 before fouling out and Joe Ingles had 15 for the Jazz.

Mitchell started finding lanes to the basket late and got the Jazz within 85-80 after he fueled a 10-2 run, sending the crowd into a frenzy. But Paul, who matched his scoring high for this playoff run, hit a pull-up jumper and found Trevor Ariza for a 3-pointer to put the Rockets back up by double digits and they never looked back.

Houston, which has been known for their offensive firepower, put forth a disruptive defensive effort.

Clint Capela, the anchor of the Houston defense, had 12 points, 15 rebounds and six blocks, one of which featured a Dikembe Mutombo-like finger wag in the fourth quarter.

"We missed 22 shots at the rim," Utah coach Quin Snyder said. "We had our chances and didn't convert. Some of them were contested. Some of them were open. You're not going to get any better shot."

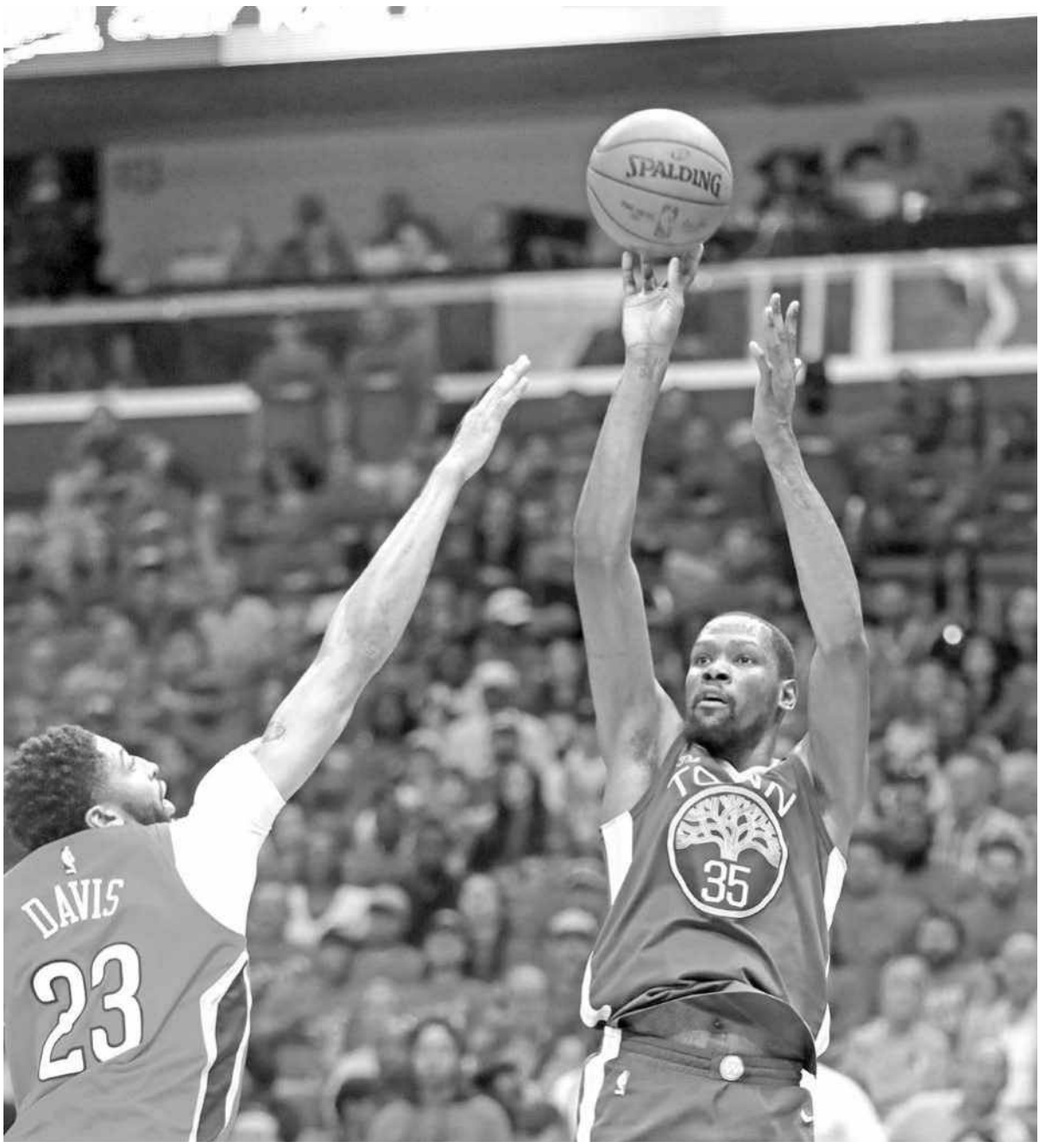
The Rockets went up by 15 in the second quarter before the Jazz closed to 51-46 on back-to-back three-point plays by Mitchell. Utah trailed 58-48 at the half.

Neither team was accurate from beyond the arc as the Jazz were 7-for-29 and Houston went 10-for-38.

"There's all different ways to win. We're not strictly a jump-shooting team," D'Antoni said. "Chris has the mid-range, James gets to the hole and you got Clint down there. We've got a lot of other stuff we can go to."

Already without Ricky Rubio, the Jazz lost back-up point guard Dante Exum in the third quarter, also to a hamstring injury. Exum was a surprising offensive spark for the Jazz with 9 points in the first period, but picked up three fouls guarding Harden.

"Houston is that good. Give them credit. They know how to control a game," Snyder said. "In spite of that, I thought we just hung in there and took shots and kept coming and kept coming and eventually couldn't get over the hill.



AP

Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant (35) shoots against New Orleans Pelicans forward Anthony Davis (23) in the first half of Game 4 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series in New Orleans, Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Cavaliers, Celtics look to complete East sweeps

The unthinkable has happened before.

Conference semifinals, 2010, Boston vs. Philadelphia: Boston wins the first two games at home, then goes into Philadelphia to capture Game 3 and take a commanding 3-0 series lead.

Undeterred, Philadelphia won in seven games to reach the Eastern Conference finals.

One small detail to note: That was in hockey.

If there's one piece of solace for the Philadelphia 76ers and Toronto Raptors right now, it's likely this—comebacks from 3-0 deficits are not completely unheard of in major sports. There's been four of them in the NHL. Another happened in baseball, the Boston Red Sox rallying to oust the New York Yankees in the 2004 AL Championship Series. And even Cleveland has blown a 3-0 lead, albeit again in hockey, and that was of the minor league variety in 1960.

But in the NBA, never.

NBA teams staring into the 0-3 abyss have never been saved: 129 have tried, 129 have failed. On Monday, the 76ers and the Raptors—both down 3-0 after down-to-the-wire defeats in their respective Game 3s of their Eastern Conference semifinal series—get their chance to be the ones who rewrite that ignominious piece of basketball history.

Philadelphia plays host to Boston and Toronto is at Cleveland, with the 76ers and Raptors both trying to find ways to extend their seasons.

"There's a breaking point we all have," Philadelphia coach Brett Brown said. "And I believe that if we can maintain our spirit, why couldn't we be the one? And I mean that. That's my goal with us, is to fight. That's all I know. I can't see any other way to approach this that makes sense to me. So that's what we're going to do."

The odds are obviously overwhelmingly in favor of the Celtics and Cavaliers, who seem destined to meet in the Eastern Conference finals for the second consecutive year.

That's hard to believe, given where those clubs were a week or so ago. Both needed to survive Game 7s just to get out of the first round.

The narrative around the Celtics, with no Kyrie Irving for the postseason, was that they would be the East high seed ripe for a playoff upset.

Oops. They've been unflappable.

"I've never been around a group of guys, and I've been around some really special ones, that can just turn the page and they just play the next play the right way," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "It's a really unique group in that regard."

The narrative around the Cavaliers was that LeBron James was being asked to do too much and his supporting cast was capable of too little.

Oops, again. And now James is five wins from an eighth consecutive trip to the NBA Finals.

"We're getting better," Cavs forward Jeff Green said. "We're getting better each game. Our defense is getting better. We're playing together. Things are turning a corner for us at the right time."

Meanwhile, NBA has fined Toronto Raptors president Masai Ujiri $25,000 for walking onto the court at halftime of Game 3 against the Cleveland Cavaliers to verbally confront officials for reversing a call.

The league announced the fine Sunday. It stems from an incident that occurred Saturday night during the Raptors' 105-103 loss to the Cavaliers.

Toronto had been called for 14 fouls in the first half, compared with eight for Cleveland. The Raptors were irate that what had appeared to be a Serge Ibaka basket and potential free throw was downgraded to a foul with no basket and no free throw.

670 Akkeri beats Genesis All-Stars, extends streak

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REPORTER

The 670 Akkeri stretched its winning run to fifth after downing the Genesis All-Stars, 94-87, in the lone game in the men's division of the 2018 MIBF Island-wide Basketball League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The 670 Akkeri turned the tables on the Genesis All-Stars in the second half to extend its streak after losing its debut in the league (against the 670 Sonics).

Behind by double digits at halftime, 34-44, the 670 Akkeri worked its way back into the game in the third quarter and even stole the lead, 70-67, thanks to the 7 points of Angelo Factor. Four other 670 Akkeri players contributed in its third-canto recovery with Kyle Rios, Fred Litulumar, Ben Lisua, and Don Teregeyo making two field goals apiece.

The Genesis All-Stars lost the driver's seat in the penultimate period, as they relied heavily on Kelvin Fitial and Ken Viray, while the 670 Akkeri spread the wealth to bounce back after falling behind by 10 at the break.

The 670 Akkeri then completed its come-from-behind victory in the fourth quarter, as Sunjoon Tenorio stepped up in the final canto, scoring 8 points. Tenorio also drew support from his teammates to help keep the 670 Akkeri in the lead.

The Genesis All-Stars, on the other hand, failed to regain the upper hand despite Viray's multiple baskets, as his scoring partner—Fitial—went scoreless in the final canto. Maverick Itibus, who had registered 14 points at the end of the third frame, was limited to one field goal in the fourth.

670 Akkeri 94 —Tenorio 17, D. Teregeyo 14, Lisua 14, A. Factor 13, Litulumar 9, Rios 8, Manglona 7, Pangelinan 5, S. Teregeyo 2, P. Factor 2, Babauta 2.

Genesis All-Stars 87 —Viray 29, Fitial 21, Itibus 17, Rangamar 5, Kintz 5, Lizama 4, Norita 4, Sambile 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-23, 34-44, 70-67, 94-87.

Shepherd, Fatukasi could make big impact on Jets' D-line

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — Nathan Shepherd jumped off the defensive line, got into the New York Jets' backfield and saw Sam Darnold standing just a few feet away.

Then, the third-round draft pick put on the brakes.

"Oh, I stayed away from him," a smiling Shepherd said of Darnold on Saturday during rookie minicamp. "No sir. You see the red (jersey) and you turn the other way."

Quarterbacks are off-limits to contact in NFL practices, so would-be sack-happy defenders such as Shepherd need to tread lightly—especially when the No. 3 overall pick and future of the franchise is in the pocket.

But games are another story, of course, and the Jets will be counting on Shepherd and fellow rookie Folorunso Fatukasi to help make Sundays miserable for opposing offenses. New York went big in the draft—after taking Darnold in the first round—by adding heft to its defensive line.

Over 630 pounds worth.

Shepherd is a 6-foot-4, 315-pounder from Fort Hays State. Fatukasi, a sixth-rounder from UConn, is 6-3 and 318.

"Same size, different players," coach Todd Bowles said last week after the draft.

Shepherd and Fatukasi could get plenty of opportunities to play as rookies. Bowles said both can play nose tackle and spell Leonard Williams at defensive end, and the Jets will have them slotted for certain roles depending on what defensive scheme they want to use.

They might also be able to help offset the loss of Muhammad Wilkerson, who was cut during the offseason and has since signed with Green Bay. The Jets still have Williams and Steve McLendon on their defensive line, as well as Mike Pennel, Xavier Cooper and Henry Anderson, who was acquired in a draft-day deal with Indianapolis.

"I think that whatever the opportunity the Jets have for me is going to be more than enough for me," Shepherd said. "If they need help in a certain area, then I would certainly feel honored that they would come and look to me for that."

Boosting a pass rush that has struggled to consistently get to the quarterback the last few seasons might be one.

"We'll see," Bowles said of Shepherd. "We expect him to have an impact as a defensive lineman, but sacks come differently for different people. As long as he does what he is supposed to do, which we're sure he will, we'll get better and we'll see where the pass rush is and if the sacks come."

Shepherd is a study in patience and perseverance. The native of Ontario, Canada, redshirted his first season at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia and then became a starter before leaving school for financial reasons.

AP
New York Jets' Nathan Shepherd, who was drafted in the third round of the 2018 draft, works out during NFL rookie camp, Saturday, May 5, 2018, in Florham Park, N.J.

Shepherd worked several side jobs for the next two years, dreaming of returning to football someday while fighting to keep motivated every day.

"Yeah, most mornings," he said. "You're thinking, `OK, I've got to go to work and this check isn't really doing anything to improve my life today, that I can see.' So, that was difficult, but you've just got to keep the dream alive and know that you're that much closer."

Shepherd landed at Fort Hays State in Kansas in 2015, became a starter and was the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association defensive player of the year as a senior. He finished his three-year career at Fort Hays with 168 tackles, including 27 for loss, and 10 sacks.

Now, he's in the NFL—something he's still trying to grasp.

"I was fortunate enough to be able to keep my same number, so I'll be No. 97," he said. "I have my jersey from college, so I think when I take that picture of my college jersey and my pro jersey, that moment will sink in for me."

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ping Class A, while Zapanta pocketed $200. Paraiso settled for the $140 third place purse, while fourth finisher Raymond Angeles went home with $7.

Angeles missed advancing to the stepladder finals, as he was 12 pinfalls short of overtaking Manacop for the third spot with the former registering 1,056 pinfalls and averaging 176. Angeles faltered on his bid to barge into the stepladder finals after tallying only 166 in Game 5 against the 201 of Manacop.

Meanwhile, other bowlers who joined the qualifier were Raymond Zapanta (1,046), Robert Talavera (1,044), Raul Dumapit (1,032), Ramir De Leon (1,032), Percy Omecheleang (992), Ariel Dumapit (992), Paul Pangelinan (976), Raphael Zapanta (968), Ador Dimaano (910), and Richard Leong (905)

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single and Nakamura's run from a passed ball, got an RBI double from closer Reid Teregeyo and RBI single from JP Castro in the second inning.

The Falcons, after being shut down in first two innings, broke their silence at the top of the third, thanks to an RBI single each of Sandy Kani and Keoni Serrano. However, the Falcons failed to rally past the Comets I, as they were without a run anew in the fourth and were held to one run in each of the last three innings.

The Comets I, on the other hand, registered two more runs—off an RBI single from Seleno Yarobwemal in the third and an RBI triple from Nakamura in the sixth—for more cushion.

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Pirates 11, Cubs 7

The Pirates capitalized on the Cubs' errors at the bottom of the fourth inning to earn the win in their Majors division match last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Pirates scored four runs off the Cubs' defensive meltdown and one off a wild pitch to turn a 4-3 advantage to a 9-3 lead.

The Cubs cut the deficit to 3, 6-9, as they also reached home three times off the Pirates' boobos at the top of the fifth, but an RBI double and run from Joey Dela Cruz at the bottom gave the eventual winners more breathing room.

Behind by 5, 11-6, the Cubs must make at least five runs to continue the game, but failed to do so, getting only one run off Albert Adriano's bunt that brought Kaden Deleon Guerrero home. After Guerrero's run, the Cubs had the opportunity score more as the bases were loaded with two outs. However, Pirates closer J.R. Suel struck out Roque Celis to end the match.

McDonald's 10,
Bank of Saipan 3

McDonald's had a solid hitting in the third and fourth inning to beat Bank of Saipan.

Behind after two complete innings, 1-2, McDonald's recorded five runs in the third and added four in the fourth to grab the lead from Bank of Saipan. Pitcher Dillon Santos had a two-RBI single in the third, J.J. Reyes, and Lance Acosta hit RBI double each, and Joel Deleon Guerrero had an RBI single. McDonald's four runs in the fourth were also earned ones.

Santos ended up going 2-for-3 at bat and tallied three runs and four RBIs. He pitched five complete innings, throwing a three-hitter, walking two, and fanning 11. He had a 1-2-3 inning at the bottom of the fifth to close out the match.

Dylan Mister was perfect at the plate for McDonald's, hitting 3-for-3, and scored four times, while Deleon Guerrero was 3-for-4 and posted two runs and two RBIs.

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the other hand, notched a semis berth after blanking TanHoldings' girls U16 squad, 4-0. Toves had a hat trick against TanHoldings, getting his first goal in the 11th minute and the last two in the 23 rd and 24th. Maniago recorded the other goal in Kanoa-1's victory, lighting up the board in the 14th minute. Kanoa-1 and 2, TanHoldings U16, and Shirley's U16 were on the east side of the draw.

On the west bracket, Matansa U13 survived and made it to the finals after slipping past Kanoa's girls U16 crew, 1-0. Jose Rafael Lopez towed Matansa U13 to the semis win after hitting his target in the 28th minute.

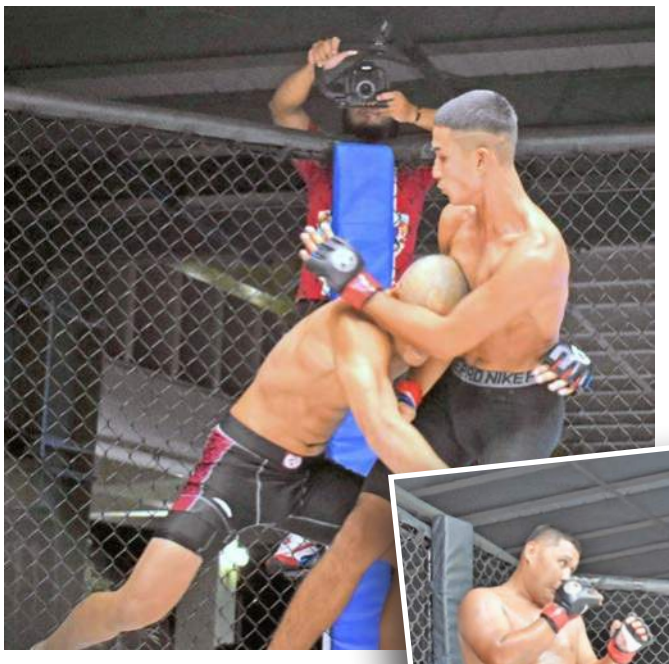
The win over Kanoa U16 was third in a row for Matansa U13, as it prevailed over Matansa U16 (via forfeit) in the first match and then stunned U13 champion TanHoldings in the next round, 1-0. Wen Jin Xin posted the lone goal for Matansa U13 in the sixth minute.

After losing to Matansa U13 in the semis, Kanoa U16 settled for the third place honors following its 3-1 triumph over Kanoa-2. Sharmaine Francisco, Ericka Santiago, and Paulyn Joyce Grace scored for Kanoa U16, drilling their goals in the eighth, 25th, and 29th minute, respectively. Kanoa U16, earlier, nosed out MP United U13, 1-0—thanks to Francisco's shot in the 24th minute—to enter the semis

Rites of Passage 23: Beatdown

PHOTOS By JON PEREZ

Andres "The Tanapag Beach Bad Boy" Camacho, right, jumps to block a high kick from Tinian's Austin John King in one of the undercard bouts in the Rites of Passage 23: Beatdown held last April 27 at the Marianas Business Plaza.



Luta Top Team's L.D. Ogo, left, tries to take down Team Tinian's Napu "Fong Fung" Reyes.

Vince "The Clinch" Masga, top, delivers several elbows to Team ACE Korea's Sang Hyun Park.

Independent fighter Greg "Peskadude" Sasamoto, bottom, headlocks Wildon "The Beast" Camacho.

Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez, top, tests his ground fighting skills against Impact BJJ Team M's Park Jeon Seung.

Zalaka's Fradley Jepen, left, measures up Korean Top Team's Seung Jun Lee.

Zombie MMA's Manny "The Kid" Camacho, left, presses on his attack against Guam Muay Thai's Don "Don Won" Lujan.

Red Ants Academy's Jboy Langu, top, tries to get out of the headlock of Team Tinian's Kimo Adriano.

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Kanoa U13 tops Challenge Cup

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Kanoa Football Club's championship collection is growing, as it added one more after ruling the 2018 FA Boys and Girls Challenge Cup last Saturday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Kanoa-1 U13 prevailed in last weekend's competition after shutting down Matansa U13 in the finals, 3-0. Three different players delivered the goals for Kanoa-1 U13 with Jim Kurt Maniago breaking the ice in the 16th minute. Sean Gil then handed the eventual champion its second goal in the 27th minute, while Markus Toves put the icing on the cake with his shot right in the closing seconds of the 30-minute finale.

With its title win in the Challenge Cup this season, Kanoa now has six championships in the youth league. The club won the co-ed U12 crown in the 2016 and 2017 fall seasons, the girls U15 in 2017 fall, and the girls U16 and boys U15 in the 2018 spring.

Kanoa-1 U13 marched into the Challenge Cup finals after shutting down sister team Kanoa-2 U13 in the semifinals, 5-0. Gil, Maniago, Leland Deleon Guerrero, Taehun Han, and Andrew Sablan scored the goals in Kanoa-1 U13's easy victory over Kanoa-2, which moved into the Final Four round following a 1-0 triumph over girls U16 runner-up Shirley's FC. Markus Pelisamen logged the lone goal for Kanoa-2 after finding the back of the net in the ninth minute. Kanoa-1, on

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Kanoa Football Club U13 players, officers, and coaches pose with Northern Mariana Islands Football Association officials during the championship trophy presentation in the 2018 FA Boys and Girls Challenge Cup last Saturday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Manacop rallies to prevail in Class A

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Simon Manacop worked his way up to the stepladder finals to reign supreme in the Class A of the Budweiser-sponsored PBA Classified Bowling Tournament held late last month at the Saipan Bowling Center.

The veteran bowler was the last to make it to the stepladder finals, as he placed No. 3 behind Ruselle Zapanta and Bernard Paraiso after the six-game qualifying roll-off. Manacop had 1,067 pinfalls, as he had an up and down performance in Games 1 to 4 (170, 176, 163, 175) before finishing strong with 201 and 183 in Games 5 and 6 for an average of 177.83.

Zapanta nearly averaged 200 with his 199.75 after recording two 200-plus pinfalls (243 and 214 in Games 3 and 4). He totaled 1,197 as he earned 192, 179, 178, and 192 in the other games. Paraiso, on the other hand, netted an average of 180.67 after gaining 1,084 pinfalls (195, 191, 128, 192, 151, and 227).

With Zapanta ruling the qualifier that featured 15 bowlers, he automatically moved into the finals and earned a twice-to-beat advantage, while Manacop and Paraiso were left to battle for the other seat to the championship round. Manacop went on to beat Paraiso, 169-120, to set up a finals faceoff against Zapanta.

The eventual Class A champion then defeated Zapanta in Game 1, 183-138 to force the rubber, which Manacop also won, 179-124, to complete the upset. Manacop received a trophy and $350 cash for top-

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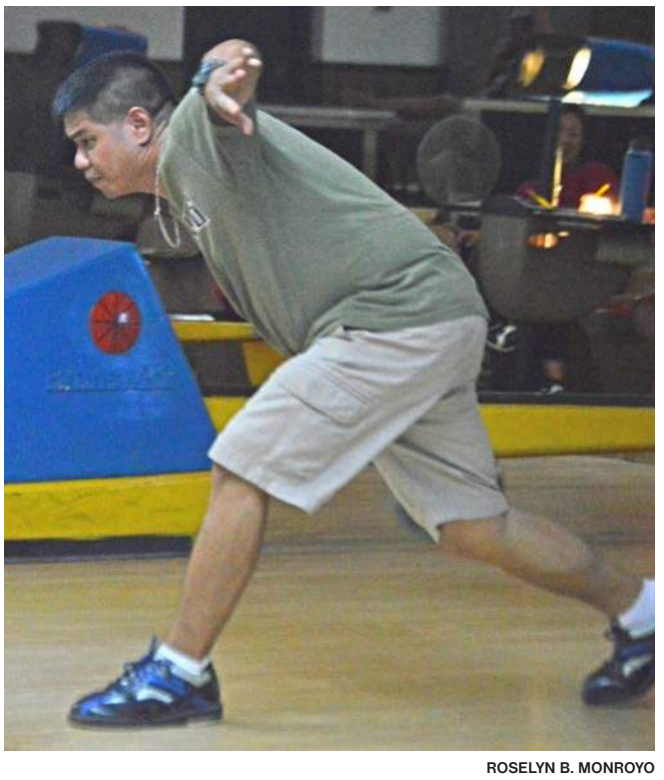

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Simon Manacop competes in the Class A stepladder finals during the PBA Classified Bowling Tournament held late last month at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Comets I brings down Falcons

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Bing Nakamura went 3-for-4 to lift the Comets I to an 8-5 victory over the Falcons in the Junior League division of the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Comets I starting pitcher also scored two runs and made two singles, one triple, and three RBIs. Nakamura's two-RBI single at the bottom of the second inning helped the Comets I take a 6-0 advantage. The Comets I, which scored two runs in the first inning off Nate Aizon's RBI

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The Comets I's Reid Teregeyo throws to home plate during the top of the seventh inning of their Junior League division game in the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.